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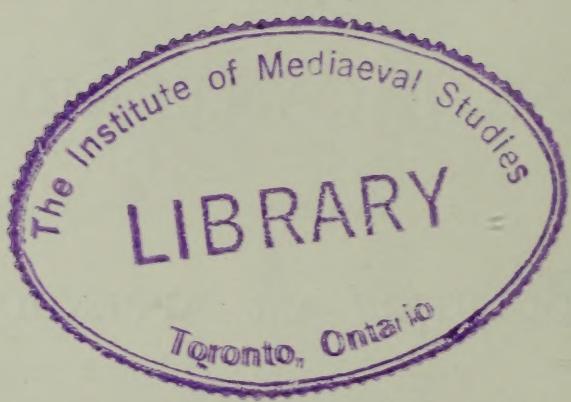
Some leaves of the Register of Addington, near Croydon (repaired 1907).

AN INVENTORY
OF THE
Parish Registers
AND OTHER
Records
IN THE
DIOCESE OF CANTERBURY,
WITH AN
INTRODUCTION AND APPENDIX.

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FOREWORD.

BY LORD NORTHOURNE, F.S.A.

It may be assumed that the number of those who take an interest in parish records or registers is extremely limited, perhaps most people are altogether unaware even of the existence of such documents. In publishing this volume there is no expectation of rendering these statistics popular. Our primary purpose is to ascertain what we possess and thus to widen the field in which the student of parochial history may delve.

The late Archbishop Benson once in an inofficial manner was driving through an area of open country, where archæological interest centered in the ruins of an ancient Religious house in the vicinity of which remained a cluster of parish churches. Dr. Benson possessed an almost unequalled knowledge of Church Architecture: — Doors, windows, carving, mouldings, were a joy and recreation after his severer labours. At one point in this excursion he arrived at a Church absolutely devoid of architectural interest. Surveying the fabric with a look which betokened a sense of disappointment, he observed to his companion, “ Well, at any rate we can ask to see the Registers.”

Dr. Benson knew full well that these ancient documents often contain facts no less important and interesting than some external or internal architectural feature of priceless esteem to the antiquary or historian.

This Inventory, (the prolonged and exhaustive labours of the Rev. C. E. Woodruff and others) gives us the ends of threads which if interwoven with collateral incidents may some day produce a fabric of high historical value.

It is lamentable to think how often local records have disappeared. These slender threads of parochial history, form the warp of local patriotism. The cause of patriotism has of recent years received a very considerable impulse, but it is no new thing, it is inherent in the life history of every nation, but it is a term difficult both of analysis or explanation.

We all, of course, recognise how the study of the life of a great man can arouse and stimulate patriotic effort, *e.g.*, Pericles in Athens, Augustine at Rome; in England such characters as Edward the Black Prince, and Sir Thomas More; in America, George Washington and Abraham Lincoln shine like stars in their respective spheres. But we sometimes forget that the real strength of a nation resides in the characters of men of low estate, in the words of Gray's im-

mortal Elegy—"a mute inglorious Milton" or a "Village Hampden, guiltless of his country's blood," those obscure souls who in the words of Jesus son of Sirach "have no memorial, but were merciful men whose righteousness has not been forgotten, their seed shall remain for ever and their glory shall not be blotted out." It is of these that the parish Registers speak.

Possibly in time to come the parochial magazines, if preserved, will afford to future generations a much wider field of information relating to local history than we at present possess.

The object of those who are responsible for the publication of this volume is not merely antiquarian or literary. These records have a wider interest since from them the general public may learn much of the social condition of our country during the past three or four hundred years. Nor can we be unmindful of the value which documents of this kind possess as a testimony to the continuity of Church life and to the fact that our parish churches have always been the centres of much that is of the utmost value in the formation of national life and character.

NORTHOBURNE.

Betteshanger,

October, 17th, 1921.

PREFACE.

This volume is the belated outcome of a resolution proposed by Lord Northbourne, F.S.A., at a Diocesan Conference held at Lambeth ten years ago (1912). The resolution took the following form: "That a Committee be appointed for the purpose of ascertaining what parochial records are in the custody of incumbents and other officers in the diocese, and under what conditions are they accessible to the public." This was adopted by the unanimous vote of the assembly, and, a committee was appointed consisting of the Lord Northbourne, the Archdeacon of Maidstone, the Rev. Canon Compton, the Rev. Dr. Feltoe, and the Rev. C. Eveleigh Woodruff. At their first meeting the Committee in accordance with the powers given them, added to their number by co-opting the Rev. T. S. Frampton, F.S.A., Mr. A. Hussey, the Rev. C. Jenkins, F.S.A., and the Rev. C. H. Wilkie, and appointed Mr. Woodruff to act as Honorary Secretary. Subsequently Articles of Inquiry were drafted, and a printed copy of the same was sent to each incumbent in the diocese, together with a covering letter explaining the nature of the Inquiry, and suggesting that in every Rural Deanery an endeavour should be made to find someone possessing a special knowledge of parochial records to superintend the work and give assistance to the Clergy in filling up the Schedules.

In several Deaneries the above suggestion was acted upon, and with very good results. Thus the work was supervised in the Croydon Deanery by Mr. Bruce Bannerman, F.S.A.; in North Lympne and East Charing by the Rev. J. A. Halloran; in Sandwich by the Rev. Dr. Feltoe; and in Ospringe by the late L. W. V. Goodenough; and many excellent returns were sent in.

Experts, unfortunately, were not always to be found, and, it must be confessed that the information supplied by the Clergy is sometimes meagre and obscure. On the other hand the Committee acknowledges gratefully the painstaking efforts of a large number of the Clergy to comply with the demand made upon them. In order to supplement scanty information, many parishes have been visited by the Honorary Secretary, or by Mr. Arthur Hussey who—whenever lack of leisure or aptitude was pleaded—relieved the incumbent of all responsibility. In spite however, of every endeavour to make the Inventory complete we have to go to press with two or three gaps, since certain

incumbents have neglected to supply any information concerning the records of their parishes, and have ignored all offers of help. These gaps are the more regrettable from the fact that the defaulting parishes are ancient ones, possessing, presumably, records of interest and importance.

The thanks of the Committee are due to the following gentlemen for much valuable help in connexion with the Inquiry:—Mr. Bruce Bannerman, F.S.A., the Rev. Dr. Feltoe, the Rev. J. A. Halloran, Mr. Leland Duncan, F.S.A. (especially for his very full inventory of the contents of the muniment chest at Hawkhurst), Dr. Charles Cotton and the Rev. C. H. Wilkie; but above all to Mr. Arthur Hussey who in addition to paying personal visits to many parishes, has supplied a number of extracts from the records of the Archdeacon's Court, relating to the history of parish registers in the diocese. The Honorary Secretary, also, acknowledges gratefully Mr. Hussey's assistance in the laborious task of tabulating the returns, and in revising the proof sheets.

During the war all work in connexion with the Inquiry was necessarily laid aside, and when the restoration of peace enabled it to be taken up again and completed, the increased cost of printing and paper caused the question of publication to be further postponed. Recently, by the munificence of Lord Northbourne and of the Kent Archaeological Society, this difficulty has been removed, and the Committee at last is enabled to put into print the result of the inquiry.

The original returns have been deposited in the Cathedral Library, where they are preserved for reference.

TUNSTALL RECTORY.

August 24th, 1922.

INTRODUCTION.

The general history of Parish Registers has been so well summarized by Archdeacon Fearon in his introduction to the "*Parish Registers and Parochial Documents in the Archdeaconry of Winchester*," and by the Rev. W. E. Buckland, in "*Parish Registers and Records of the Diocese of Rochester*"* that it seems unnecessary to recapitulate at length information that is accessible already in a convenient form. For reference, however, a brief conspectus of the various Acts, Canons, and Orders regulating the keeping of Parish Registers will be found at the end of the present chapter.

The Inventory contained in this Volume comprises the Parochial Records of 264 ancient parishes. Modern parishes are included also, whenever their respective incumbents supplied information concerning their Records. It should be noticed that certain parishes included in the Inventory have been transferred to the Diocese of Rochester since this Inquiry was commenced.

The Parochial Records fall naturally into two classes viz : Parish Registers, and other Parochial documents. The former class is, of course, incomparably the more important and with it we will deal first.

When we reflect on the various dangers and vicissitudes to which Parish Registers have been subjected, it is satisfactory to be able to state that 113 parishes in the diocese of Canterbury still possess Register Books which antedate the second year of Queen Elizabeth ; that 30 of these Books go back to the earliest possible date, namely 1538 ; and that seven parishes still retain their original Paper-Book dating from the year last mentioned. Original Paper-Books are to be found at Biddenden, Brenzett, Brookland, Little Chart, Chislet, Croydon and Staplehurst. Paper Books, though of a date not quite so early as the above, are preserved also at Charing, Chillenden, Hawkhurst, Maidstone, Minster-in-Sheppey, Saltwood (burials only) and Stone in Oxney.

It is curious to find in the records of the Archdeacon's Court evidence that many years after the issue of the Royal Injunction of 1538, ordering the parishioners of every parish to provide and keep a Register Book, several parishes had neglected to comply with the Order. Thus, Charlton by Dover had no Register Book in 1562 ; nor had Burmarsh

*Published respectively by Warren and Son, Winchester, 1909, and by Mitchell Hughes and Clarke, 1912, for K.A.S. Records Branch.

in 1571. Even as late as 1594 the Churchwardens of Temple Ewell inform the Court that "there hath been no Register Book before our time neither for christenings nor burials, but since Michaelmas 1593, which we have since kept."

One source of irregularity in keeping the Register appears to have been non-residence on the part of the incumbent, *e.g.*, at Newchurch the Churchwardens returned the following answer to Archbishop Parker's article of inquiry in 1569 "The Register Book is not well kept because we have no Vicar continually dwelling among us," and at Teynham, in 1581, the wardens say "Our Register Book is not kept because our Vicar is absent."

Another cause of irregularity was the bad practice of making the entries not at the time when the ceremony was performed, or on the Sunday following, but by the aid of rough notes, at intervals of uncertain length, *e.g.*, in 1593 the Churchwardens of Alkham say "We know not whether our Register Book be duly kept, nor whether the Minister do enter the marriages, christenings, and burials therein as required, for that our Minister would not bring his key to open the chest by the space of 12 or 13 weeks together," and in the following year they present the Vicar for disobeying the order of the Court that "he should surrender all such notes as are in his keeping." Also, at Norton in 1586, the Wardens present the Rector for neglecting to make entries in the Book "he putting it off and delaying the matter by one excuse and another."

Wanton damage had been done to the Register of Boughton Monchelsea before 1594 in which year the Wardens say "Our Register Book hath been duly and orderly kept since our Minister came unto us, but before that it was mangled and many things cut out by whom we know not."

Neglect to provide the "sure Coffer" named in the Injunctions, or defects in that depository, were responsible for loss or damage in some instances, *e.g.*, at Goodnestone next Faversham a new chest was provided before 1594, the former one being considered too large for the little Church. Unfortunately the new one was made of unseasoned wood with the result—as the Churchwardens say—"the dampness thereof went through the book and spoiled it." ... At Bonnington, in 1621, the Register was "usually kept at the Alehouse and had neither lock nor key;" ... and at St. Martins near Canterbury in 1616 there was no lock to the chest in which the Registers were kept. Probably the books disappeared not long afterwards since the earliest

Register now extant in this parish dates only from the year 1662.

The Court Books contain also some interesting information concerning the occasional detention of Parish Registers by laymen, and of the difficulty with which the books were recovered, *e.g.* in 1610 John Whetcombe of High Halden, was presented for unlawfully detaining the Register of Biddenden parish, and although the Warden on divers occasions had gone to his house and demanded the book, Whetcombe refused to give it up and made the monstrous threat that "he would rather burn it than that the parish should have it, and that before all their faces." Wiser counsels, however, must have prevailed since Biddenden still possesses its paper book beginning in the year 1538.

At Benenden, at the beginning of the last century, the early Registers were missing, but they have since been returned to the parish by the executors of Thomas Law Hodges, a former owner and occupier of Hemsted Park in that parish.

From Newington next Sittingbourne the Registers, by some means which cannot now be traced, found their way to the Bodleian Library in Oxford, but were returned to the parish by the Trustees in 1821.

With regard to the place of depository the Inquiry shows that in many parishes the Registers are still kept in the house of the incumbent, and this is in accordance with the provisions of Rose's Act of 1812, which enacts that they should be kept either in the church, or in the glebe house, provided they are stored in the statutable "iron-chest." In former days the glebe house was no doubt a drier place than the church, but on the other hand, the danger from fire was greater, and there was and is the additional risk that parish records kept in the incumbent's house may be removed with his personal effects.

This seems actually to have happened at Hope near New Romney, from which parish the Churchwardens in 1607 made the following presentment to the Archdeacon: "Mr. Stafford our late parson kept our Register Book and since his death we have required it of his widow, but yet we cannot have it, for she answereth she hath sent away all her husband's books, but whether it be among them she knoweth not, but if she can find it she will send it us again."

At Badlesmere a fire which broke out in the rectory house early in the seventeenth century, destroyed the parchment book. Fortunately the original paper book

did not share the same fate. At least so it would seem, since the Churchwardens when reporting their loss to the Archdeacon say "we will renew it (*the Register*) again with what convenient speed may be." That they did so seems clear from the fact that the earliest Badlesmere Register is a parchment book beginning in the year 1557, the earlier entries, of course, being transcripts.

At Graveney the earliest Register begins in the year 1653, and a note made by the Vicar in 1679 states that though he had made a diligent search for the old book he had been unable to find it, and he adds "some parishioners thought it had been burned by a rash woman."

Within recent memory the Registers of the parish of Upper Hardres were destroyed by fire, and those of West Langdon much injured. At Hardres the circumstances were unusual. The Rector had removed the books to the Rectory house with the intention of sending them to London for repair and rebinding; but as a new Rectory house was about to be built it was necessary for him to store his books and furniture until the new house was ready to receive them. Accordingly the goods—including the parish registers—were sent to a London warehouse in which, soon afterwards, a fire broke out and destroyed the building and all its contents.

The Parliamentary returns relating to Parish Registers, made respectively in 1813 and 1833, occasionally throw light upon the disappearance or recovery of Registers, e.g., Hastingleigh and Great Mongeham appear to have lost their earlier books between the above dates; and Burmarsh and Davington to have recovered theirs since the inquiry of 1833. At Appledore, in 1813, there was nothing earlier than the year 1700—nor is there now—but a note by a former Vicar states that in 1787 an earlier volume was then in his keeping.

With regard to the way in which the Parish Registers were kept during the Commonwealth period and the troublous times which preceded it, the returns made for the purpose of this Inquiry tend to show that in many parishes the break with the past was less than some church historians have implied. During this period, on the whole, the entries in the Registers seem to maintain their average pretty well, and to have been made by the parish priest until *Barbcones*—Parliament in 1653 enacted that in each parish a Registrar should be elected by the ratepayers, and sworn in before a justice of the peace. But even then, it was no uncommon thing for the incumbent of the

parish to be chosen to the office:—instances occur at Luddenham, Teynham, Sheldwich, Kennardington, Iwade, and Newington next Hythe, and doubtless it was the same in other parishes, though the fact is always not recorded. Of course much depended upon the attitude of the incumbent towards the political régime of the day. If he kept quiet he had a good chance of being left in undisturbed possession of his benefice. “*Bene vixi quia latui*,” is the note which the Rector of Luddenham made in one of his Register books and doubtless his experience was not singular.

That the Puritan party was strong in Kent is well known. Copies of the Solemn League and Covenant are to be found in the Registers of Eastwell, Ripple, Stourmouth, and Walmer, in some cases signed by almost all the householders, many of whom were persons of good social position.

The Notes made on the fly leaves and margins of the Registers by successive incumbents afford so much valuable information on various subjects that for convenient reference they have been classified as follows:—

Church Fabric and Furniture: Acrise, Ashford, Boughton Aluph, Boughton Blean, Brenzett, Buckland by Dover, Crundale, Dymchurch, Ebony, Elmley, Kingston, Lenham, Luddenham, Rodmersham, St. Peter's Thanet, Sittingbourne, Stockbury.

Communion Plate: Brenzett, Elmstone, Guston, Norton, Rainham, St. Peter's Thanet, Sittingbourne, Westwell.

Glass (painted): Goodnestone next Faversham.

Church Rites and Usages: Boughton Blean, St. Andrew's Canterbury, Cranbrook, Graveney, Hartlip.

Marriages: Seasons when they may be celebrated. Boxley, Lympne, Newington next Hythe.

Fees: Boughton Aluph, Brook, Rainham—in the latter parish the Vicar was excused from paying his poor-rate so long as he preached two sermons on Sundays, and took no surplice fees from the poor.

Church Collections: Hartlip, Elmsted (collection for S.P.G. as early as 1742), Dymchurch, Holy Cross, Canterbury, Eastwell.

Public Health: Appledore, Birchington, Cranbrook (*Plague*) Mersham, Rolvenden, Ruckinge, Whitstable.

Population: Adisham, Holy Cross, Canterbury, Loose, Mersham, Warehorn.

Weather: Ashford, Dymchurch, Goodnestone next Faversham, Otham, Seasalter, Whitstable.

Crime: Boughton Aluph, Holy Cross, Canterbury, Milton next Canterbury, St. Peter's, Thanet.

“*Judgments*”: on sacriligious persons, Faversham, St. Peter's, Thanet.

Excommunication: Brenzett, (in 1729), Rolvenden.

Antiquities, Discovery of: Lympne (See Appendix).

Parochial Libraries: Crundale, Detling (now dispersed), Dodington, Maidstone (now in the town Museum), Patrixbourne (dispersed).

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A word or two should be added concerning the Transcripts of Parish Registers preserved in the Diocesan Registry. A convenient list of these with the dates at which the several transcripts begin will be found at the beginning of the first Volume of the late J. M. Cowper's Index to the Marriage Licences of the diocese of Canterbury (*Canterbury, Cross and Jackman*). These transcripts should be in duplicate, one copy being supplied to the Archdeacon's Court at Easter, and another to the Consistory (*Bishop's*) Court at Michaelmas. They were made on paper until 1813 when parchment was made obligatory. Since the abolition of church rates the churchwardens of many parishes have neglected to supply the transcripts, on the plea that they have no funds for purchasing the parchment forms, and the Archdeacons appear to have made no effort to enforce the order.

The Transcripts are stored in the chamber over the South-Gate of the Precincts, and are in the custody of the Deputy Registrar of the Diocese—Mr. Henry Fielding, of 33 Burgate Street, Canterbury.

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Class B. Records other than Parish Registers.

It is somewhat difficult to account for the entire absence of records of this Class in many ancient parishes. It is possible that in some cases the account books of churchwardens, and overseers, were handed over to the clerk of the Parish Council when the Local Government Act was passed—towards the close of the last century—and they may be still in the keeping of that officer, though their existence is unknown to the incumbent of the parish. But we fear that more generally the disappearance of these records,—so valuable to the local historian and student of economic history,—may be due to the “tidying up” that commonly accompanies what is called church *Restoration*, in the course of which too often a holocaust is made of more or less dilapidated books. Even when this drastic course is not

taken, the oaken chest, which is the proper depository for the books is apt to be turned into a receptacle for flower vases, kneelers, and other odds and ends of church furniture, while the books are piled on the vestry floor or stored in a cupboard at the rectory, where, mingled with the rector's private papers they run the risk of being treated by his executors as part of his personal effects. This we fear, has been the fate of the records of certain parishes and the loss is irreparable. On the other hand, a glance at the Inventory shows that many parishes are the proud possessors of Account Books of very early date, *e.g.*, At Boughton under Blean there is a wonderfully long series extending—with a few gaps—from the early years of the sixteenth century to the present day. Six parishes till retain Churchwarden's Accounts dating from the fifteenth century. And at Herne there are some ancient Account Rolls of the fourteenth century—an exceptionally early date. A translation (from the Latin) of these Herne Rolls will be found in the Appendix to the present Volume.

Since this Inquiry was begun two volumes of Churchwardens' Accounts commencing in the XVth Century have been transcribed in full, namely those of St. Andrew's Church in Canterbury, by Mr. Charles Cotton, and those of the parish of Betherden by the Rev. F. R. Mercer. The former are in course of publication by the Kent Archaeological Society. A chronological list of the earlier Account Books will be found on pages xxi. and xxii.

Amongst the miscellaneous records in Class B special mention should be made of the Log Books kept by the incumbents of Acrise, Brabourne, Hackington, Crundale, St. James's Dover, Godmersham, Ospringe, Rolvenden, and Ruckinge. The practice of recording all alterations and additions to the fabric or furniture of the Church is a highly commendable one, and might with advantage be greatly extended.

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In conclusion, the result of the Inquiry tends to show that the Parish Registers—with possibly a few exceptions—are carefully preserved by their present custodians; and that while access to these records is subject to proper safeguards, and the statutable fees are charged to the public generally, special facilities for search are seldom denied to persons possessing good credentials whose object is of a purely literary or antiquarian nature.

With regard to Class B, the attitude of the Clergy is less certain, since in many parishes the documents in this

Class do not appear to be treated with the respect and care they deserve. The Inquiry, however, we believe, has done something towards stimulating a fuller appreciation of the worth of these records, and if this be so our labour will not have been in vain.

A Conspectus of the Chief Acts, Canons, Orders, etc., for the keeping of Parish Registers.

1538. Injunctions of Thomas Cromwell, Vicar General, 5th September, 1538.
 12th Injunction :—“ Item that you and every parson vicar or curate within this diocese shall for every Church keep one book or register, wherein ye shall write the day and year of every wedding Christening and burying made within your parish for your time, and so every man succeeding you likewise. And shall there insert every persons name that shall be so wedded, christened, and buried. And for the safe keeping of the same book the parish shall be bound to provide of their common charges one sure coffer, with two locks, and keys, whereof the one to remain with you and the other with the said wardens, wherein the said book shall be laid up. Which book ye shall every Sunday take forth and in the presence of the said wardens or one of them write and record in the same all the weddings christenings and buryings made the whole week before. And that done to lay up the book in the said coffer as afore. And for every time that the same shall be omitted the party that shall be in the fault thereof shall forfeit to the said church iiis iiiid to be employed on the reparation of the same church.

[State Papers (Domestic) Vol. xiii. part ii. No. 281.]

1547. The Injunctions of 1538 re-issued by the Council of Edward VI.

1547. 15 Nov.—Bill for a record depository in every shire read for the first time in the House of Commons.

1557. Articles of inquiry in the diocese of Canterbury set forth by Cardinal Pole directing that Sponsors' names should be registered.

1559. Injunctions of Queen Elizabeth repeating those of 1538 and 1547.

1562. 9 March. A Bill was read in the House of Commons for the first time for transcripts of parish registers

to be kept in the Bishop's registries, but was not passed.

1566. "Advertisements"—promise to keep a register to be subscribed by every minister.

1597. 25 Oct. Constitution made by Convocation of Canterbury, ordering parchment registers to be provided, the old paper registers to be transcribed therein, and copies sent to the registries of the Bishop and the Archdeacon.

1603. The Constitution of 1597 embodied in the 70th Canon.

1644. The Directory for Public worship ordained that a fair register-book of vellum should be provided in every parish, and the names of all children, and the time of their *birth*, and also the names of all persons married and buried, should be set down therein by the Minister.

1653. 22 Sept. An Act passed by the "Barebone" Parliament for the election triennially by the parishioners of every parish of "an able and honest person," to be called the Parish Register, who should enter fairly banns, marriages, births, and burials, and charge 12d. for each entry of marriages, and 4d. for each entry of *births* and burials. At the same time Parliament ordered that all marriages should take place before a Justice of the Peace, banns having been published "three several Lord's-days at the close of the morning exercise in the public meeting place commonly called the Church or Chapel; or (if the parties so to be married shall desire it) in the Market-place next to the said church or chapel on three Market days in three several weeks between the hours of eleven and two."

1656. Clause insisting on marriage by a justice of the peace repeated.

1660. An Act passed to legalize all marriages which had been illegally performed since 1 May 1642.

1667. First Act for burial in Woollen. It enacted that after March 25 1667 no person should be "buried in any shirt shift or sheet other than should be made of wool only." The Act was passed "for the encouragement of the woollen manufacturers, and prevention of the exportation of moneys for the buying and importing of linen."

1678. Second Act for burial in Woollen, obliging the clergy to make an entry in the register that an affidavit

had been taken before a Magistrate and produced within eight days after the burial certifying that the requirements of the law had been fulfilled.

1694. An Act was passed to raise money, "for carrying on the war against France with vigour," which imposed taxes for five years on entries of marriages, births, and burials, and also on bachelors and widowers, giving right of access to the registers. The general tax was for a burial 4s. 0d., birth 2s. 0d., marriage 2s. 6d., for bachelors and widowers 1s. 0d. annually with heavy super taxes for the Peerage.

1753. Lord Hardwick's Marriage Act.
(1) All marriages to be by licence or banns ; (2) in the parish where one of the parties resides to be recorded and (3) to be entered in a special *printed* book.

1783. The Stamp Act. 3d. tax on entries. Repeated 1794.

1812. Rose's Act. All registers to be kept in books printed by the King's printers in a prescribed form ; and kept in an iron chest in the parish church, or within the residence of the incumbents.

1836. The General Registration Act. The Act instituted civil registration of births, marriages, and deaths. Left the registration of baptisms and burials in the forms provided by Rose's Act ; and issued, from the Registrar General, the Marriage register books which are now in use. It was further ordered that copies of Marriage entries should be sent each quarter to the District Registrar and through him to the Registrar General.

Registers which have been printed either wholly or in part.

Bekesbourne, Rev. C. H. Wilkie.

Boughton Blean, Rev. J. A. Boodle (*Par. Reg. Soc. 1903*).

Canterbury. St. Alphege.

St. Dunstan.

St. George.

St. Mary Magdalene.

St. Paul, St. Peter.

J. M. Cowper,
(*Canterbury, Cross*
and Jackman.)

Charlton, Par. Regr. Soc :

Chart, Little, Rev. C. H. Wilkie.

Chislet, R. Hovenden, to 1707.

Elmstone, Rev. C. H. Wilkie, 1891.

Harbledown, J. M. Cowper 1907, (*Canterbury, Cross and Jackman*).

Maidstone, All Saints, Rev. J. Cave Browne, Marriages only 1542–1754, (London Mitchell and Hughes 1901).

Newenden, Parish Register Soc., Rev. E. Jermyn. St. Laurence, Thanet, 1559–1653.

Staplehurst, Rev. J. S. Chamberlain.

Wymingswold, Rev. C. H. Wilkie.

M.S. Transcripts and Indexes of Registers.

Appledore, Dr. F. W. Cock, F.S.A. (in progress).

Barham, Rev. F. R. Mercer (Index only).

Borden, Miss Jenkinson, 1912.

Boughton Aluph, Rev. J. O. Halloran, Burs. and Bapts. to 1813, Mars. to 1607.

Boxley, Mrs. Malden.

Canterbury, St. Mary Bredin, Dr. J. B. Sheppard.

Croydon, St. John Bapt., Mr. W. Bruce Bannerman, F.S.A.

Davington, Rev. C. H. Fielding.

Egerton, Rev. F. R. Mercer.

Goudhurst, M.S. Copy in the Herald's College, London.

Hythe, Mr. R. J. Fynmore.

Leeds, M.S. copy in the Library of the British Museum.

Loose, Rev. S. Gardner-Waterman.

Lydd, Rev. J. S. Frampton, Mars' to 1754, Burs' to 1729

Maidstone, All Saints, (includes entries taken from the transcripts in the Diocesan Registry).

Marden, Bapts. to 1809, Mars. to 1754, Burs. 1729.

Milton Regis, Rev. E. W. Carpenter.

Newington-next-Hythe, Mr. R. J. Fynmore.

Otham, Mars. and Bapts., Rev. F. M. Millard.

Otterden, No. 1 Register, Mr. J. R. Garstin, F.S.A. in 1906.

Rolvenden, Index only.

Saltwood, Marriages, Mr. R. J. Fynmore.

Sandhurst, Bapts. and Burs., William J. Lightfoot, 1864.

Sevington, Bapts. and Burs. to 1695, Mars. to 1748.

Sheldwich, No. 1 Register, Rev. B. S. Malden.

Tunstall, Rev. E. Cookson. of Ipswich.

Woodchurch, Index only.

**A list of the Parishes included in this volume with
the dates at which their respective registers begin.**

Acrise 1541
 Addington 1559
 Adisham 1539
 Aldington 1558
 Alkham 1558
 Appledore 1700
 Ash 1558
 Ashford 1570
 Bapchild 1561
 Badlesmere 1557
 Barfrestone 1572
 Barham 1558
 Bearsted 1654
 Bekesbourne 1558
 Benenden 1558
 Betersden 1556
 Bettleshanger 1562
 Biddenden 1538
 Bicknor 1571
 Bilsington 1562
 Birchington 1538
 Bishopsbourne 1558
 Blean 1558
 Bobbing 1560
 Bonnington 1679
 Borden 1555
 Boughton Aluph 1558
 Boughton Blean 1558
 Boughton Malherbe 1671
 Boughton Monchelsea 1560
 Boxley 1558
 Brabourne 1558
 Bredgar 1546
 Bredhurst 1546
 Broadstairs 1850
 Brooke 1695
 Brenzett 1538
 Bridge 1579
 Broomfield 1579
 Brookland 1538
 Buckland 1576
 Burmarsh 1572
 Canterbury, All Saints 1559
 , St. Alphege 1558

Canterbury, St. Andrew 1564
 , St. Dunstan 1559
 , St. George 1538
 , St. Gregory 1852
 , Holy Cross 1563
 , St. Margaret
 1653
 , St. Martin 1662
 , St. Mary Bredin
 1633
 , St. Mary Bred-
 man 1558
 , St. Mary Mag-
 dalene 1634
 , St. Mary, North-
 gate 1640
 , St. Mildred 1558
 , St. Peter 1560
 , St. Paul 1562
 , St. Stephen 1567
 Capel le Ferne 1592
 Challock 1558
 Charing 1590
 Charlton 1690
 Chart, Great 1558
 Chart, Little 1538
 Chart Sutton 1558
 Chartham 1558
 Chilham 1558
 Chillenden 1559
 Chislet 1538
 Coldred 1560
 Cranbrook 1559
 Croydon 1538
 Croydon, S. Andrew 1857
 , All Saints 1830
 , St. Luke 1872
 , St. Mary Mag. 1878
 , St. John Evan.,
 Norwood 1875
 , St. Michael 1871
 , St. Matthew 1866
 , St. Peter 1851
 Shirley, St. John 1836

Crundale 1554	Hardres, Lower 1563
Davington 1549	„ Upper 1754
Deal, St. Leonard 1559	Hartlip 1538
„ St. George 1852	Harrietsham 1538
Denton 1560	Harty 1679
Detling 1558	Hastingleigh 1730
Dodington 1589	Hawkinge 1691
Dover, St. James 1594	Hawkhurst 1579
„ St. Mary 1588	Headcorn 1560
Dymchurch 1624	Herne 1558
Eastchurch 1677	Herne Bay, Christ Church 1841
Eastling 1558	„ St. John, 1899
Eastry 1559	Hernhill 1557
Eastwell 1538	Hinxhill 1557
Ebony 1708	Hoath 1554
Egerton 1684	Hollingbourne 1556
Elham 1566	Hothfield 1570
Elmley 1827	Hougham 1659
Elmsted 1538	Huckinge 1556
Elmstone 1551	Hythe 1566
Ewell 1581	Ickham 1557
Eythorne 1559	Ivychurch 1715
Fairfield 1558	Iwade 1560
Faversham, 1620	Kennardington 1546
„ Brents 1881	Kennington 1671
Folkestone, SS. Mary and	Kingsdown (Sittingbourne) 1560
„ Eanswyth 1635	Kingsdown (Walmer) 1850
„ All Souls 1892	Kingsnorth 1538
„ St. Peter 1868	Kingston 1558
„ St. John Baptist	Knowlton 1711
1883	Langdon, East 1560
„ St. Saviour 1882	Langdon, West 1593
Fordwich 1683	Langley 1664
Finsted 1714	Leaveland 1553
Godmersham 1600	Leeds 1557
Goodnestone-next-Faversham	Lenham 1558
1569	Leysdown 1701
Goodnestone-next-Wingham	Linton 1558
1558	Littlebourne 1559
Goudhurst 1558	Loose 1559
Graveney 1653	Luddenham 1554
Guston 1664	Lydd 1540
Halden 1558	Lydden 1540
Harbledown 1557	Lyminge 1679
Halstow 1692	
Ham 1552	

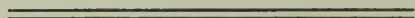
Lympne 1617	Preston next Faversham 1559
Maidstone, All Saints 1542	Preston next Wingham 1558
„ St. Faith 1871	Queenborough 1719
„ St. John 1861	Rainham 1592
„ St. Luke 1895	Ramsgate, St. George 1827
„ St. Michael 1877	„ St. Luke 1876
„ St. Paul 1861	„ St. Paul 1884
„ St. Philip 1858	„ Holy Trinity 1845
„ Holy Trinity 1842	Reculver 1602
Marden 1559	Ringwould 1569
Margate, St. John	Ripple 1560
„ All Saints, 1894	River 1620
„ St. Paul 1874	Rodmersham 1538
„ Holy Trinity 1842	Rolvenden 1544
Mersham 1558	Romney, New 1589
Milton next Sittingbourne	Romney, Old 1538
1538	Ruckinge 1538
Milton next Canterbury 1688	St. Lawrence, Thanet 1559
Milstead 1542	St. Margaret at Cliffe 1558
Minster, Sheppey 1548	St. Mary in the Marsh 1675
Minster, Thanet 1557	St. Nicholas at Wade 1653
Molash 1557	St. Peter's, Thanet 1582
Mongeham, Great 1685	Saltwood 1560
Monks' Horton 1558	Sandhurst 1563
Monkton 1700	Sandwich, St. Clement 1563
Murston 1561	„ St. Peter 1538
Nackington 1563	„ St. Mary 1538
Newchurch 1684	Seasalter 1558
Newenden 1559	Selling 1558
Newington next Hythe 1559	Sellinge 1559
Newington next Sittingbourne	Sevington 1554
1558	Shadoxhurst 1538
Newnham 1722	Sheerness, Holy Trinity 1836
Nonnington 1538	Sheldwich 1558
Northbourne 1586	Shoulden 1591
Norton 1559	Sibertswold 1563
Oare 1714	Sittingbourne, St. Michael
Orlestone 1553	1561
Ospringe 1561	Smeeth 1660
Otham 1538	Snargate 1552
Otterden 1660	Snave 1619
Paddlesworth 1715	Stalisfield 1699
Patrixbourne 1556	Stanford 1556
Petham 1558	Staple 1544
Pluckley 1560	Staplehurst 1538
Postling 1687	Stelling 1557

Stockbury 1653	Warehorne 1727
Stodmarsh 1558	Westbere 1577
Stone in Oxney 1573	Westcliffe 1576
Stourmouth 1538	Westgate, St. James' 1873
Stowting 1539	„ St. Saviour 1884
Sturry 1538	Westmarsh 1861
Sutton by Dover 1538	Westwell 1558
Swalecliffe 1558	Whitfield 1585
Swingfield 1698	Whitstable 1549
Tenterden, St. Mildred 1544	Wickhambreux 1563
„ St. Michael 1863	Wickham West 1558
Teynham 1538	Willesborough 1538
Thornham 1625	Wingham 1568
Throwley 1557	Wittersham 1550
Tilmanstone 1558	Woodchurch 1538
Tonge 1717	Woodnesborough 1561
Tunstall 1538	Wootton 1546
Ulcombe 1560	Wormshill 1700
Upchurch 1633	Worth 1720
Waldershare 1561	Wychling 1577
Walmer, St. Mary 1560	Wye 1538
Waltham 1538	Wymynswold 1514
Warden 1754	

**Churchwardens' and Overseers' Accounts in
chronological order to the end of the xviith century.**

1338 Herne	1549 Brenzett
1412 Hythe	1568 Bearsted
1444 St. Mary, Sandwich	1574 Littlebourne
1485 St. Andrew, Canterbury	1582 St. Laurence, Thanet
1485 St. Dunstan, Canterbury	1585 Woodchurch
1487 Folkestone	1588 St. Stephen, Canterbury
1509 Fordwich	1609 Kingsnorth
1514 Bethersden	1613 Loose
1515 Hawkhurst	1615 Seasalter
1515 Wye	1623 Minster, Thanet
1516 Rainham	1624 Reculver
1520 Lydd	1624 Chislet
1530 Boughton, Blean	1627 Tenterden
1531 Birchington	1628 Pluckley

1628	St. Mary Bredman, Canterbury	1672	Maidstone
1630	Woodchurch	1674	Eastchurch
1632	Stone in Oxney	1679	Wickham Breaux
1633	Ash	1680	Stourmouth
1634	Chart Sutton	1681	Newenden
1640	Throwley	1682	Murston
	„ Sevington	1683	Bishopsbourne
1642	Kennardington	1683	Tonge
1651	Godmersham	1685	Snavel
1652	New Romney	1691	Boxley
1652	St. Mildred, Canterbury		„ Hernhill
1653	Otham	1693	Brabourne
1656	Broomfield	1694	Borden
1662	St. Mary, Northgate, Canterbury	1695	Hoath
1667	Hartlip		„ Wychling
		1699	Detling



Parochial Records.

ACRISE, St. Martin.

A.	1. Mixed 1541-1699	5. Mars. 1813-1837
	2. , 1542-1598	6. , 1839
	3. Mars. 1755-1812	7. Burs. 1813
	4. Bapts. 1813	

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1563.

No. 1 is a parchment book inscribed "The olde Acrise Register from the year 1541 to 1698, and on page 2 "The Book of Register for the parish of Acrise bought by William Manger, Churchwarden." The Rev. O. J. Dunn (late rector) says that the earlier entries are original and not transcripts made in 1598.

No. 2. Also a parchment book, contains copies of baptisms, from 1542 to 1598, the absence of burials and marriages for this period being explained by the following note "Thus far (1598) copied from Old Register which being confusedly kept tis thought much better to refer to yt yn make any alteration by copying it." It contains also burials from 1624 to 1812; baptisms from 1696 to 1812; marriages from 1698 to 1753; a list of rectors from 1772 to 1913; and a note that the Church was new pewed, a new gallery built, and a new vault made in the year 1824. At the end of the book are 4pp. of memoranda referring to the years 1601-1606.

No. 3. The banns of marriage are also recorded in this volume for the years 1706-1811.

B.	1. <i>Churchwardens' Accounts</i> , 1 Vol. from 1847.
	6. <i>Vestry Minute Book</i> , 1 Vol. from 1886.
	7. <i>Tithe Map</i> , etc., in the custody of the Rector.
	11. <i>Faculties</i> , one for the erection of a reredos in 1881.

Miscellaneous, Parish Log book, 1819-1844.

All documents are kept at the Rectory.

ADDINGTON, Croydon.

A.	1. Mixed 1559-1745	6. Burs. 1813-1876
	2. , 1746-1767	7. Mars. 1838
	3. , 1768-1812	8. Bapts. 1862
	4. Bapts. 1813-1838	9. Burs. 1876
	5. Mars. 1813-1838	

Gaps: No baptisms 1653-1701; no marriages 1653-1701, and 1708-1723; no burials 1653-1701, and 1709-1721.

No. 1 is a parchment book, the entries between 1559 and 1598 being transcripts from an earlier register. It was in a fragmentary condition in 1907, (see photograph reproduced on page) in which year it was repaired by experts employed in the library of the British Museum, at the expense of the Vicar, the Rev. Arthur Carr. A transcript of the Registers from 1559 to 1812 has been made by Mr. W. Bruce Bannerman, F.S.A. ; and a M.S. index from 1813 to 1901 by Mr. W. H. Mills of Addington, who has also made a M.S. copy of the inscriptions in the Churchyard. The Registers are kept at the Church, in a fire-proof safe.

- B. 1. *Churchwardens' Accounts*, 2 Vols., (a) 1845-1902, (b) 1895.
- 2. *Overseers' Accounts*, 2 Vols., (a) 1791-1814, (b) 1814-1822.
- 6. *Vestry Minute books*, 3 Vols. from 1809 to present time.
- 7. *Inventories*, (a) Church Furniture, 1885, (b) Church goods, 6th and 7th Edw. VI., certified copy dated 1906.
- 10. *Deeds*, etc., (a) Mortgage Rev. W. Benham to Govrs. of Q. Anne's Bounty for £300, dated 1869, (b) Conveyance to Vicar and Churchwardens of land for Schools, (c) Mortgage Rev. E. W. Knollys to Govrs. of Q. Anne's Bounty, 1874, (d) Certificates of Land Tax 1901, 1905.
- 11. *Faculties*, 3, (a) Reredos 1898, (b) Memorial Cross in Churchyard, 1909, (c) New Font, 1913.
- 12. *Acts of Consecration*, 1 Additional burial ground 1849.
- 13. *Records of Parish Charities*, Papers relating to Purdy, Bennett and Smith, Charities.

Miscellaneous, 8 Preachers' books from 1843—a bundle of Marriage licences (16),

Class B kept at the Church.

ADISHAM, The Holy Innocents.

A.	1. Mixed 1539-1708	5. Mars. 1755-1812
	2. , 1708-1812	6. , 1813-1837
	3. Bapts. 1813-1881	7. , 1838
	4. , 1881	8. Burs. 1813

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1569.

No. 1 is a parchment book, 4½ in. by 6½, nearly all the title page is cut away, otherwise in good repair.

No. 2 has on the back of the title page an account of the population of the parish in 1801, and in 1811. In the former year there were 271 inhabitants in 37 houses, and in the latter 324 in 38 houses. Cover dilapidated.

Registers 1 and 2 are kept at the Rectory, the remainder at the Church.

B. 1. *Churchwardens' Accounts*, 2 Vols., (1) 1706-1727, (2) 1793-1906
 6. *Vestry Minute Books*, one, 1860-1913.
 7. *Inventory of Church Goods*, one, 1911.
 8. *Terriers of Church Lands*, one, 1906.
 9. *Maps*, etc., Tithe Map in the custody of the Rector. Plan of the Church, in Vestry.
 13. *Records of Parochial Charities*, Palmers Charity on tablets in Vestry.

Class B kept at the Rectory.

ALDINGTON, St. Martin.

A. 1. Mixed 1558-1683	6. Mars. 1813-1837
2. „ 1680-1772	7. Bapts. 1813-1892
3. „ 1773-1812.	8. Burs. 1813
4. Mars. 1754-1789	9. Bapts. 1892
5. „ 1789-1812	10. Mars. 1837

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1570.

No. 1 is a parchment book, the earlier entries being transcripts made in 1598.

Gaps: No baptisms 1645 and 1647 or 1659-1664. No Marriages 1641-1671 except two in 1654. No burials 1665-1667 and 1690.

No. 1 is a parchment book, the earlier entries being transcripts made when John Waller was Curate in 1598. There is a note against the year 1644 that John Smith the son of Roger baptized Jan. 7 was "ye last baptized after ye Book of Common Prayer." The Registers are kept at the Rectory.

B. *Churchwardens' and Overseers Accounts*, 12 or more volumes dating from 1721 onwards (no further particulars supplied).

Miscellaneous, 2 bundles of Settlement papers.

Class B kept in a cupboard in the Church-tower.

ALKHAM, St. Anthony.

A. 1. Mixed 1558-1739	7. Bapts. 1813-1865
2. „ 1739-1812	8. Bapts. 1865
3. Mars. 1754-1792	9. Burs. 1807-1812
4. Mars. 1792-1812	10. Burs. 1813-1875
5. „ 1813-1837	11. „ 1875
6. „ 1838	

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1563.

Gaps: No entries 1650-1655.

Registers kept in the Church.

B. There appear to be no Records in this Class, with the exception of one Churchwardens' Book (date not given); and the Tithe Map, which is kept by the Clerk to the Parish Council.

APPLEDORE, St. Peter and St. Paul.

A.	1. Mixed 1700-1808	6. Bapts. 1813-1856
	2. , 1807-1812	7. , 1856-1912
	3. Mars. 1754-1812	8. Burs. 1813-1886
	4. , 1813-1837	9. , 1886
	5. , 1837-1912	10. Banns Bk. (and in No. 3) 1823

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1563.

The earlier Registers were lost sometime after 1787 when the curate the Rev. T. Jefferson, B.A., Glasgow, made an extract from them in the now oldest book (1700-1808). In the return made 1813 the Registers are said to begin 1700. Transcripts for the year 1640-41 are in the Library of the House of Lords (Hist. MSS. Commission, Appendix, 4th Report, page 23).

No. 1 the present oldest Register (1700-1808) is a Parchment Book, containing

Baptisms, 15 Oct., 1700 to 5 Nov. 1807.

Marriages, 28 January, 1701 to 11 June, 1753.

Burials, 26 January, 1700 to 8 Sept., 1808.

Many extracts from this Register are printed in *Archeologia Cantiana*, Vol. xiv. p. 93-6. The book was commenced when John Johnson was vicar, the well known high churchman and author of "The unbloody Sacrifice," and many other works. He has copied on the inside of the covers, parts of the Anglo-Saxon Chronicle with a translation, which refer to Appledore, and many notes about his predecessors. He quotes frequently from the old Register (1564-1700) now lost. At the end of the book is a list of Curates 1576-1844 often filled by successive occupants of the office. They seldom stayed longer than a year or two, but several died and were buried here. Notes referring to the unhealthy and malarious nature of the parish occur, e.g. John Lawson, B.D., and Fellow of Sidney Sussex College Cambridge, and Rector of Swanscombe writes:—"Miserabilis exsul sed habuit suas etiam ipsa Siberia laudes dans otium animo bene preparato et *Μαθησεως* disciplina imbuto." Another Curate notes after the burial of a very old man in 1728:—"Mirum in hac praesertim regione," and this is translated in another hand writing—"Tis wonderful especially in this mortiferous country." There is a table of fees at the beginning of this Register.

This Register has been rebound and the leaves a little cropped.

Nos. 1 and 2 have been transcribed by Dr. Cock, F.S.A., who has copied the Transcripts in the Diocesan Registry and the inscriptions in the Churchyard.

The Registers are kept at the Church. 7 Vols.

B. 1 & 2. *Churchwardens' and Overseers' Accounts*, (combined):—7 Vols.

1792-1800	1820-1824
1809-1840	1840-1877
1812-1820	1877
1815-1822	

6. *Vestry Minute Books*, 2 Vols. (1) 1830-1908, (2) 1908
8. *Terriers of Church lands*. Two (a) 1615, (b) 1637.
9. *Tithe Map*, in the custody of the Vicar's Warden. Plan of the Church 1856.
10. *Deeds*, Trust Deed of Appledore Day School. Papers relating to the transfer to the benefice of the Sausage Field by the Ecclesiastical Commissioners.
- Certificate of Redemption of Rent Charge, etc.
11. *Faculties* three (1) for memorial window to Queen Victoria, 1902 (2) for brass at Ebony Church (3) for Memorial Tablet to men who fell in the Great War.
13. *Records of Parochial Charities*, Boon Coal-Trust Charity.

There is a framed list of Vicars 1188-1908, in the church, made by the Rev. T. S. Frampton, F.S.A.

ASH-NEXT-SANDWICH, St. Nicholas.

A.	1. Mixed	1558-1641	13. Burs.	1813-1833
	2. ,,	1653-1678	14. ,,	1833-1853
	3. Burs.	1678-1720	15. Bapts.	1822-1844
	4. ,,	1747-1813	16. ,,	1843-1874
	5. Banns.	1783-1823	17. Burs.	1853-1896
	6. Bapts.	1688-1800	18. Mars.	1836-1837
	7. ,,	1800-1813	19. Burs.	1896-1913
	*8. Mars.	1719-1799	20. Mars.	1837-1881
	9. ,,	1754-1783	21. ,,	1881-1913
	10. ,,	1783-1813	22. Bapts.	1874-1913
	11. ,,	1813-1836	23. ,,	1840-1857 (Duplicate).
	12. Bapts.	1813-1822		

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1570.

*At the end of No. 8 are Burials 1710-1746. All the vols. are in fair condition and are kept in an iron safe in Vestry.

No., 1 the earlier entries are transcripts on parchment made 1598, by John Stebbing, Minister.

Gaps:—There are no burials nor weddings entered between 1641 and 1653, but eight children of Thos. Pette, Esq., are entered as bapt. by James Bench King between 1641 and 1661. Also from 1653 to 1661 Simon Barrow the Civil Registrar enters all the births, burials, publications, and marriages in a new book, afterwards used by the authorized minister James Bench King.

Registers kept at the Church.

B. 1. *Churchwardens' Accounts* from 1633 onwards, (no particulars as to number of vols.)

2. *Overseers' account books* from 1601 onwards.
Many other books and papers but no further information returned.

4. *Brief books*, one vol. 1707—1782.

6. *Vestry Minute books*, several vols. from 1710 onwards.

10. *Deeds*. A packet relating to parish lands from 1673 onwards.
Class B kept at the Church.

ASHFORD, St. Mary the Virgin.

A.	1. Mixed	1570-1628	18. Mars.	1801-1813
	2. ,,	1628-1692	19. ,,	1813-1837
	3. ,,	1693-1780	20. ,,	1837-1856
	4. ,,	1796-1812	21. ,,	1856-1781
	5. Bapts.	1813-1835	22. ,,	1871-1882
	6. ,,	1835-1853	23. ,,	1882-1895
	7. ,,	1853-1864	24. ,,	1895-1904
	8. ,,	1864-1874	25. ,,	1904-1912
	9. ,,	1874-1883	26. ,,	1912
	10. ,,	1892-1901	27. Burs.	1670-1744
	11. ,,	1913	28. ,,	1813-1842
	12. ,,	1898-1912	29. ,,	1842-1862
	13. ,,	1912	30. ,,	1862-1877
	14. ,,	1883-1892	31. ,,	1877-1892
	15. ,,	1901-1913	32. ,,	1892-1906
	16. Mars.	1754-1789	33. ,,	1906
	17. ,,	1789-1801		

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1560.

Baptisms appear to be continuous but marriages from 1643-1653 (exclusive) are not to be found and Burials for the same period are incomplete. The entries between 1644-1660 appear to have been made by John Boden and Nicholas Prigge—Nicholas Prigge was appointed Civil Registrar in 1653.

In No. 1 the name of the parish on the head of the register spelt "Asheford and in No. 2 the spelling is Eshetfoord.

In No. 2. There is a note at the end of a member of the Honeywood family who died at the age of 95 years and saw, before her death, 367 persons descended from her.

In No. 3. There is a record of a great rain in 1703, and later in the same year of a storm that raged by land and sea—in consequence of the storm a fast was appointed by the Queen throughout the whole kingdom on January 19th following—also there is a note that "Walnuts were planted 1699 in the backside of the College." There are also some particulars about the Fogge Monument.

No. 4 contains several entries of the burial of soldiers from 1796-1812: During this period there were barracks at Ashford.

No. 27 is "The Register of Burials in Woollen."

Registers kept in the Church.

B. 1. *Churchwardens' Account books*. Some unbound paper sheets 1590-1592, also (2) bound in sheepskin 1679-1779, (3) 1832-1836.
 2. *Overseers' Account books*, several, 1803-1846. Letter book 1830. Valuation list 1862.
 3. *Vestry Minute Books*, 3 vols. beginning 1757.
 4. *Inventory* date 1900.
 5. *Terrier of Church lands*.
 6. *Tithe Map* in the custody of the Vicar, and map of land belonging to Church and poor dated 1797.
 7. There is a book bound in vellum, inscribed "Some account of the Church, College and Free School, etc., of Ashford," by William Warren, date 1712.

Class B kept in a locked wooden chest at the Church.

BADLESMERE, St. Leonard.

A. 1. Mixed 1557-1760 5. Mars. 1842
 2. " 1763-1822 6. Bapts. 1813
 3. Mars. 1763-1812 7. Burs. 1813-1836 ✓
 4. " 1813-1837 8. " 1837

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1564.

No. 1 is a parchment book measuring 9 by 7 in., the earlier entries are transcripts made c 1598.

Registers kept at the Church.

B. 1. *Churchwardens' Accounts*, 2 vols. 1711 and 1787.
 2. *Overseers' Accounts* from 1725.
 9. *Tithe Map* in the custody of the Rector.
 11. *Faculties*, two (a) for moving organ, (b) for a memorial window to Rev. C. J. Hilton and his daughter (dates not given).

Class B kept at the Church.

BAPCHILD, St. Laurence.

A. 1. Mixed 1561-1708 6. Mars. 1754-1812
 2. " 1708-1763 7. " 1813-1844
 3. " 1763-1812 8. " 1837
 4. Bapts. 1813-1883 9. Burs. 1813
 5. " 1883

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1564.

No. 1 is a parchment book measuring 14 $\frac{3}{4}$ by 6 in. and was rebound in 1808.

On the first page is the following inscription: "The Register Book of the Parish of Bapchild for Christinyngs Maryadges and Burialls from the year of our Lord God one thousand five hundred three score and one."

On folio 31 is a note of the appointment of Bartholomew May, as Civil Registrar, 23 Feb. 1654. This book contains also a list of Vicars from 1584; Briefs 1697-1702; and the order for the gathering of the smoke money or *burrowe* silver with the names of the persons assessed to the same.

No. 2 contains another list of Vicars, a Terrier dated 1630 and an Inventory of Church Goods taken in 1715.

No. 3. On a blank page are memoranda relating to stained glass windows placed in the Church between the years 1846-1894.

Registers kept at the Church.

- B. 1. *Churchwardens' Accounts*, from 1866.
- 6. *Vestry Minute book* from 1855.
- 9. *Tithe Map*, in the custody of the Vicar.
- 10. *Deed* of conveyance of glebe land as site for School 1851 and of rent charge of £14 to the School.
- 11. *Faculty* one for a memorial window, 1894.

Records in Class B kept at the Church.

BARFRESTONE, St. Nicholas & St. Mary the Virgin.

- A. 1. Mixed 1572-1787 (Banns also entered).
- 2. Mars. 1789-1812
(but copies of Births, Deaths and Marriages from 1572 also entered and Baptisms continued to 1812).
- 3. Bapts. 1813
- 4. Burs. 1813
- 5. Mars. 1813-1837
- 6. , 1838 (and duplicate).

Transcripts in the Diocesan Registry begin 1564*.

The entries of Christenings 1653-1660 "by mee Richard Edwards Rector" maintain the average.

The Registers are in good order and are kept at the Rectory in an iron safe.

The *earliest* book is in beautiful script and in Latin (1572-1601): (a) a few interesting particulars are given (e.g. of a penance undergone in Church for fornication by a woman in 1595: (b) at the end of the book the Articles of Charge given in the Court to the Wardens and Overseers (May 12, 1598) are transcribed in full: (c) Thomas Boys "generosus patronus huius ecclie sepultus erat" 1599: (d) Edward Boys gent. was buried in the Chancel 1625: (e) p. 31 someone (Nov.

*None for 1565-71; 1573-6; 1594-5.

26, 1772) has given a list of Rectors (4 in all) between 1572 and 1702 (130 years) all resident and all but one with families. George Smith is mentioned as Rector later in 1730 and 1752.

B. 1 Vol. of Waywardens' Accounts 1799-1840.

A full and precise list of Briefs entered in Register 1 (1658-1685).

Vestry Minute book 1832

Inventory made in 1895.

Tithe Award and Map.

Two modern Faculties.

These are kept with the Registers.

BARHAM, St. John the Baptist.

A.	1. Mixed 1558-1804	6. Burs. 1813-1889
	2. Mars. 1754-1812	7. Mars. 1837
	3. Bapts. & Burs 1804-1812	8. Bapts. 1862-1894
	4. Bapts. 1813-1862	9. Burs. 1890
	5. Mars. 1813-1837	10. Bapts. 1894

Banns Book 1770-1885.

No entries Aug. 16, 1647- Dec., 6, 1653, nor 1562-1569.

In 1833 the Registers were reported as defective.

The earlier entries in No. 1 are transcripts.

Transcripts in the Diocesan Registry begin 1563.

A complete transcript of all the above Books has been made by the Rev. F. R. Mercer, the present Vicar.

Kept in an iron chest in the Church.

Class B appears to be entirely lacking, except the Tithe Map which is kept at the Church.

BEARSTED, Holy Cross.

A.	1. Mixed 1654-1758	7. Mars. 1837-1892
	2. Mars. 1754-1812	8. Bapts. 1847-1881
	3. Mixed 1758-1812	9. Burs. 1871
	4. Bapts. 1813-1847	10. Bapts. 1881
	5. Mars. 1813-1837	11. Mars. 1892-1912
	6. Burs. 1813-1871	12. , 1913

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin in 1564.

No. 1 a parchment book consists of fragments which have been carefully bound in one book.

Registers kept at the Church.

B. 2. *Overseers' Accounts*. Fragmentary 1568-96.
6. *Vestry Minute Books*, 1834-53; 1856-70; 1871-87; 1888
to present time.
7. *Inventories of Church goods*.
8. *Terriers of Church lands*. } (No dates given).
9. *Tithe Map*, in the custody of the Vicar.
10. *Deeds*. Conveyance of land for churchyard, 1912. Faculty
for window 1911.

BEKESBOURNE, St. Peter,

A.	1. Mixed 1558-1812	5. Bapts. 1877
	2. Bapts. 1813-1877	6. Mars. 1837-1913
	3. Mars. 1814-1837	7. Mars. 1913
	4. Burs. 1813	8. Mars. & Banns. 1754-1812

Transcripts in Diocesan Register begin 1563.

There is a blank in the burial register from 1647-1655, but the entries of Baptisms and Marriages show the average number during these years.

The Parish Registers have been transcribed, indexed and printed by the Rev. C. H. Wilkie, M.A., Canterbury, Crosse and Jackman, 1896.

The vols. are in good condition and are kept in an iron safe in the vestry.

B. 1. *Churchwardens' Account books*, 1759-1882.
6. *Vestry Minute Book*, one vol. 1863, but some minutes of
Vestry Meetings appear in the Churchwardens' Account
book.
8. *One Terrier of Church lands dated 1695.*
One Tithe Map.
11. *A faculty for the removal of a body from Bekesbourne to
L'Orient.*

Class B kept in the Church chest.

BENENDEN, St. George.

A.	1. Mixed	1558-1636	7. Mars.	1813-1837
	2. ,	1636-1660	8. ,	1837-1882
	3. ,	1653-1754	9. Bapts.	1846-1882
	4. Mars.	1754-1783	10. Burs.	1876
	5. Bapts.	1813-1846	11. Bapts.	1882
	6. Burs.	1813-1875	12. Mars.	1892

Nos. 1, 2 and 3 are parchment books measuring 17 in. by 7 ins. They have been returned recently to the Church by the descendants

of the late Thomas Law Hodges, Esq., formerly of Hemsted Park, in whose library they appear to have been kept. One Register is still missing which covers the years 1754-1813.

In No. 2 the entries for 1640-1646 are signed by the Vicar and Churchwardens (Richard Austen, Vicar, Thomas Benson his mark, William Burden, Churchwardens). During this period marriage entries are rather above the usual average and several relating to non-residents in the Parish, these are signed for the most part by "Mr. Alexandra Read, Master of the Free Scole."

No. 6. At the beginning and end of this Register are recorded the various inscriptions on the tablets, and on the ledger stones in the Church before the latter were covered up at the time of the "restoration" of the Church in 1861.

Transcripts in the Diocesan Registry begin 1560.

The Registers are kept in the Church, and all are in good condition.

B. 1. *Churchwardens' Accounts* from 1660.
 6. *Vestry Minute Books*. There are no separate books, but the minutes are entered in the Churchwardens' Account books.
 7. *Inventories of Church goods*, one dated 1895,
 8. *Terriers of Church Lands*. Three relating to the Glebe lands dated respectively 1615, 1630, 1833.
 11. *Faculties*, 5, (1) Restoration of Church, 1861. (2) Erection of Reredos 1888, (3 and 4) Memorial Brasses, 1898, and 1910, (5) Alterations for side Chapel, 1913.
 13. *Records of Parochial Charities*. Extracts from the Wills of Gibbons, Lazonby, Hall and Wightwick.

Class B., 7, 8, 9, 11, 13 are kept in the Church with the Registers, No. 1 is kept in a Safe at the Office of the Parish Council.

BETHERSDEN, St. Margaret.

A.	1. Mixed 1556-1708	7. Burs. 1813-1858
	2. , 1653-1660	8. Bapts. 1847-1869
	3. , 1709-1812	9. Mars. 1837
	4. Mars. 1754-1812	10. Burs. 1859-1912
	5. Bapts. 1813-1847	11. Bapts. 1869
	6. Mars. 1813-1838	12. Burs. 1912

No. 1 is a parchment book the entries 1556-1598 being transcripts from an earlier Register.

Under date 1660 is the following note "The names of all who were married, Christened, and buried in the _____ of Betresden from and after the third and twentieth daie of September in the yeare of our Ld 1653 untill Septr. the 16th 1660 were registered in another Book." This is followed by another note, viz. "The Book here referred to had been long a missing and was given up as lost but was lately found to be in the possession of Mr. Wm. Haffenden and returned to the Churchwardens. It is now deposited in the iron chest with the other Register Books, P. Keith, Vicar, May 26th, 1819."

Register No. 1 contains also records of appointments of Vicars from 1598 to 1630.

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1563.

The Registers are kept at the Church in a Fire Proof Safe ; they are in fair condition.

- B. 1. *Churchwardens' Accounts*, One Vol. 1876 onwards*
- 2. *Overseers' Accounts*. 9 Vols. of Rate Books, 1800-1860.
- 3. *Waywardens' Accounts*, 37 Vols. 1800-1860.
- 6. *Vestry Minute Books*, 1 Vol. 1868 in use.
- 9. *Tithe Map*, in the custody of the Parish Clerk. Plan of National Schools.
- 11. *Faculties*. Two dated respectively 1909, 1914.
- 13. *Records of Parochial Charities*, Some records relating to Hayward's Charity.

Records in Class B are kept some at the Vicarage, some at Clerk's house, some in the Church.

*Since the above return was made a Volume of Churchwarden's Account beginning in the year 1514 has been discovered, and its contents have been transcribed by the Rev. F. R. Mercer.

BETTESHANGER, St. Mary the Virgin.

- A. 1. Mixed 1562-1653 } now bound together (? since 1721).
- 2. " 1653-1721 }
- 3. " 1723-1812
- 4. Mars. 1764-1811
- 5. " 1815-1836
- 6. Bapts. 1816
- 7. Burs. 1813
- 8. Mars. 1838

Transcripts in the Diocesan Registry begin 1569.

The entries between 1649 and 1653 rather below average : from 1653 to 1660 normal, presumably by R. Boteler officially appointed Registrar 20th Sept. 1653.

The books are all in good condition and are kept in an Iron Safe at the Rectory.

The Vol. now containing Nos. 1 and 2 is an interesting book : many entries have been made bearing upon the Church and Parish, for extracts see Appendix.

- B. 1 *Churchwardens' Account Book*, 1717-1792 (and a few sheets 1690-1692 found in the Ham Parish Chest).
- 3 *Overseers' Account Books* (a) 1719-1750, (b) 1750-1772, (c) 1773-1789.
- 1 *Vestry Minute Book* 1865.
- Tithe Map* ; and plan and elevations of Parish room.
- 1 *Faculty* (recent) for a memorial Tablet (Morrice). These are kept with the Registers.

BIDDENDEN, All Saints.

A.	1. Mixed	1538-1598	8. Mars.	1837-1899
	2. ,,	1559-1688	9. Bapts.	1846-1866
	3. ,,	1688-1812	10. Bapts.	1866-1885
	4. Mars.	1754-1812	11. Burs.	1877
	5. Bapts.	1813-1846	12. Bapts.	1886
	6. Mars.	1813-1837	13. Mars.	1899
	7. Burs.	1813-1877		

No. 1 appears to be the original Paper Book.

No. 2 is a Parchment Book and is a transcript of Book 1 up to 1598.

An Index of No. 1 has been compiled by the present Rector who has also copied the entries but not *literatim*.

Transcripts in the Diocesan Registry begin 1563.

The Registers are kept in the Church.

B.	1. <i>Churchwardens' Accounts</i> , 2 Vols. from 1594 to present time.
	6. <i>Vestry Minute Books</i> , 4 Vols. from 1711 to present time.
	7. <i>Inventories of Church Goods</i> , One, dated 1895.
	8. <i>Terriers</i> , etc. Copies of Terriers in Diocesan Registry dated 1615 and 1833, and Terrier and Inventory 1895.
	9. <i>Tithe Map</i> , in possession of the Parish Council.
	11. <i>Faculty</i> , for Organ 1907.
	13. <i>Records of Parochial Charities</i> , documents relating to Mayne's Charity, in the keeping of Mr. G. B. Pinyon, Secretary and Trustee.

Class B. The Overseers' Books are in the hands of the Parish Council, of the rest some are kept in the Church, and others at the Rectory.

BICKNOR, St. James.

A.	1. Mixed	1571-1811	4. Burs.	1814
	2. Bapts.	1813	5. Mars.	1754-1805
	3. Mars.	1813-1834	6. ,,	1840

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1564.

No. 1 contains Baptisms, 1571 to 1810; Marriages 1577 to 1753; and Burials 1572 to 1811. Also a list of Briefs from 1716 to 1811; and the money collected for church services and other necessary uses 1641 to 1709.

Registers kept at the Rectory.

B.	1. <i>Churchwardens' Accounts</i> 1743 to 1815, also the Overseers' payments 1745 to 1761.
	7. <i>Inventory of Church goods</i> , one dated 1899.
	8. <i>Terrier of church lands</i> 1899.
	9. <i>Maps</i> , in the custody of the Rector.
	10. <i>Deeds</i> . Certain deeds relating to the National School.
	11. <i>Faculties</i> . Two, for cross, candlesticks and vases, 1906; and for addition to churchyard 1907.

Class B kept in Fire Proof Safe at Rectory.

BILSINGTON, St. Peter and St. Paul.

A. 1. Mixed 1562-1794	5. Bapts. 1908
2. , 1794-1837	6. Burs. 1814
3. Bapts. 1813-1874	7. Mars. 1837
4. , 1875-1907	

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1563.

The Registers are kept at the Church.

B. 6. *Vestry Books*, 2 Vols. 1748-1798, and 1799-1821.
9. *Tithe Map* in the Custody of the Rector.

Class B kept at the Church.

Note:—Bilsington parish is united with Bonnington.

BIRCHINGTON, All Saints.

A. 1. Mixed 1538-1653	7. Bapts. 1813-1857
2. , 1653-1675	8. Burs. 1813-1887
3. , 1676-1801	9. Mars. 1837
4. Mars. 1754-1812	10. Bapts. 1857-1880
5. , 1813-1837	11. , 1880
6. Bapts. & Burs. 1801-1812	12. Burs. 1888

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1572.

The Registers to 1675 have been transcribed and printed by F. A. Crisp, 1899.

No. 1 is a Parchment Book, with the heading—“ Ano Dni millesimo quingentesimo tricesimo octavo et anno Regni Regis Henrici octavi tricesimo.”

At the end of this Book is written twice in English and once in Latin: “Here endeth the first book of the Register of Birchington, the second boke called the black boke was spoiled by an ignorant women 1553-1564.”

The first entry in this Register is a Marriage—Robert Chapman and Ursula, 13th day of Oct. 1538. The bride's surname not given, not being among the gentry whose surnames are always given.

In the first section of the Register there are 475 names, including duplicate entries, and more than half belong to 17 families. In the years 1549-1550 four Venetians were buried and two of them are entered as belonging to the Navy of Venice. (de nave Veneziano).

From 1538 to 1553 the burials exceeded the births and no doubt there was an epidemic in the years 1544 and 1545. Possibly the missing second book owed its name “Black Boke” to further and more fatal epidemics. In 1545 seven members of the Wigsole family and five of the Cantis family were carried off.*

[*In 1543 there was "a great death" in London, which lasted so far into the winter that the Michaelmas law term had to be kept at St. Albans. In 1544 the plague was raging at Newcastle, Canterbury, and Oxford, and next year in Edinburgh. *History of Epidemics in Britain* by C. Creighton, 1891, p. 303.]

A casual glance shows many Marriages took place in October, so that the term "Michaelmas couples" is of ancient date.

The names of the sponsors at Baptism were carefully entered until 1587, when sponsors names were omitted. They were again entered towards the close of the century.

The third section of the Register covers a period of 36 years 1564 to 1600 and contains 189 marriages, 598 baptisms, and 478 burials, showing a surplus of 120 births over deaths. Sponsors are sometimes described in uncomplimentary terms e.g. "*juvenis ignotus*," or "*ignotum nomen*." In the burial entries the locality is sometimes added, and occasionally the trade or occupation of the deceased.

The Century beginning 1600 opened with a healthy period, and the first ten years shewed marked prosperity, followed by a period when famine and pestilence ravaged the parish:—

	Marriages.	Births.	Burials.	Condition.
1600-1609	50	202	119	Healthy.
1610-1619	66	182	212	Very Unhealthy
1620-1629	50	192	184	Unhealthy.
1630-1639	59	213	215	Very unhealthy.
1640-1649	66	227	197	Improving.

For the 30 years the burials show a surplus over the births of 24. The blackest portion of these 30 years is hidden, and we can only assume there were good reasons for the "orders from Dover" in 1615, to put out orphan children. In that year 27 persons were buried, six of whom were heads of families "*economus*."

There are several entries of payments made for sponsors at Baptisms: e.g., 1695 June 9. "Paid for Gossipes for a poor travelling woman's child 3/-."

The following are some of the notes added to burials.

- 1601 A soldier, advena apud nos.
- 1603 Jacob, advena et nauta.
- 1654 A poor beggar boy, and seven seamen drowned.
- 1802 8 persons drowned in Sacketts Hoy.*

[*On 7 February 1802 one of the Hoys from Margate when on her way to London, laden with corn and having twenty-eight passengers on board, ran aground off Reculver, when twenty-three persons were drowned. *The Kent Coast*, by A. D. Lewis, 1911, p. 81.]

(B) In the Church safe are two interesting documents:—(1) The Vow and Covenant sworn in the church, July 10th and 17th 1643; and (2) The Solemn League and Covenant 1643. Both documents have the original signatures.

1. The *Churchwardens' Accounts* from 1531 and continued with few interruptions down to the present time, are full of information concerning the parish, and the manners and customs of the inhabitants. The books commenced in a very humble way, the entire cost being 2d. for "a quire of paper to make the book of the church." The original book now forms a small portion of Volume I. of the *Churchwardens' Accounts*, which cover a period of 150 years (1531-1680).

In the year 1550 there was a "Visitation for the Altars," and this was entered in the Visitation book, thus—" payed for bread and drynke at ye laste makyng of ye invertorys of ye Church of Eng. 12d.

The visitation was in accordance with an Act of Parliament, and the following entries show some of the changes effected. "To the taking down of o' Lady ault (our Lady Altar) 8d." ; and "to the pullyng down the gr't ault" (great altar) 5d.", and to the sale of the Church goods :—

The accomptre of John Petyt and Thomas Ogden the Churchwardens of Byrchinton in the yeare of o'r Lord God MVCL. (1550).

Inprimis for the Roode clothys and the wayste lyningy (linen) sold to John Althorne 12/-.

Item, for the old linen clothys sold to Thomas Cooke 2/-.

Item, sold to John Petyt and Thomas Ogden, churchwardens two toylls (towels) that.....alter, 8d.

Item, receyvd of John Awthern for the old yrn (iron) 3/-.

Item, receyvd for the pyps of ye old organ 7s. 6d.

Overseers' Accounts from 1604. The Overseers were appointed by the Cinque Port Magistrates. In 1620 the Overseers of Birchington began to keep their accounts in a book ; and two years later those of Acol followed their example.

By a careful comparison of the three books :—(1) *Churchwardens' Book*, (2) *Register of births, deaths, and marriages*, (3) the *Poor Book*, it is easy to work out the main facts of the history of Birchington. Mr. Stancombe the minister (1644-7) kept them all posted up.

3 *Waywardens' Accounts* :—For many years after 1605 there were four Surveyors (two for Birchington and two for Acol), but when the Rural Sanitary Authority was established, this office became no longer necessary.

4 *Constables' Account* :—The office of Deputy of Birchington can be traced back nearly 400 years, for John Philip occupied the post as early as 1498. The manuscript book containing the records of the Sessions held at Margate and Ringwold ends in 1636.

5 *Briefs* :—Briefs are first mentioned in the Birchington accounts in 1632, when two applicants were relieved by the churchwardens. In 1642 travellers with or without letters, relieved at Birchington, numbered 108.

6 *Vestry Minute Books* :—In 1785 the parish officers began to keep a book called the *Vestry Book*, and entered therein the rules for their meetings.

One of the earliest entries is—" Agreed to build a cage at ye end of ye poorhouses, to confine illbehaved riotous persons."

The Vestry Book has been continued to the present time.

7 *Inventories of Church goods.* One dated 1620:—The preaching cloth and cushion; the Surplice, the Communion Cloth; the Churching Cloth; a Napkyn; the Carpet; eight bookees smalle and great; bell ringers sheaves at Thomas Cranfields; a church mattocke, a spade and showell; also a modern Inventory made by the late Vicar, 1890, and supplemented by the present vicar.

8. A Terrier of 1636 describes 14 pieces of church land, containing 11 acres, 2 roods, 19 perches.

9 *Tithe Map* in the custody of the Vicar.

10 *Deeds.* Several Deeds, Copies of Wills, etc.

11 Faculties, Three (modern) for:—(1) Surrender of a small portion of the churchyard for enlarging the road, and rendering it safer for traffic (about 1910).

(2) Erection of clergy and choir vestries (1911).

(3) Erection of the new organ, and opening St. Margaret's Chapel as morning chapel (1911).•

13 *Parish Charities* :—Records relating to:—Crispe Charity; Friend Williamson.

1625 John Juding left by Will £4 to be given to the poor of Birchington.

1642. John Osbourne left £4 distributed by Mr. Stancombe.

1642, May 3. Henry Robinson, gent., left by Will five acres of arable land in the parish of St. Lawrence, called by the name of Flete Close, and five acres of meadow land in the parish of Chislett, towards the relief of four poor widows, exceeding the age of sixty years, two to be of the parish of Monkton and the other two of the parish of Birchington. He also left Upper Gore End farm to St. John's College, Cambridge, to maintain a Fellow and two Scholars.

BISHOPSBOURNE, St. Mary the Virgin.

A.	1. Mixed 1558–1720	6. Burs. 1813
	2. , 1731–1813	7. Mars. 1838
	3. Mars. 1754–1811	8. , 1838
	4. , 1813–1837	9. Bapts. 1887
	5. Bapts. 1813–1868	

Transcripts in the Diocesan Registry begin 1564.

In No. 1 the entries 1558–1598 are transcripts from the "olde Register booke" signed by "Richard Hooker parson" the signature occurring on page 2 has been cut out by some autograph hunter. 160² Edward Nethersole gent. and Joane Hooker 23 March (Married).

No marriages occur between 1648–1653. Between 1655–1660 there were five marriages performed by Christophe Wakefield Minister.

Baptisms were entered in the usual way between 1644–1660, only in one instance is the birth of the child mentioned without any mention of its baptism.

Burials—1600 “ Mr. Richard Hooker late “ pson of Bishopsbourne buried 4 of November.”

The vols. are in good condition and are kept in an iron safe in the Rectory.

The Registers have been partly transcribed by the late Rev. W. Blissard, Rector.

B. *Churchwardens' and Overseers' Account Books, 3 vols.*

(1) 1683–1721.

(2) 1742–1787.

(3) 1754–1781.

Several of these books were sold by auction as part of the effects of a former Churchwarden about 80 years ago, but have since been recovered—No. 3 by the Rev. W. Blissard in 1913.

5. *Brief Books from 1707–1753.*

6. *Vestry Minute Book*, one dating from 1850 to the present time. The records of Class B are kept in an iron safe in the Rectory.

BLEAN, St. Cosmus and Damian.

A.	1. Mixed 1558–1686	7. Mars. 1813–1837
	2. „ 1686–1774	8. „ 1837
	3. Bapts. 1775–1812	9. „ Duplicate.
	4. Mars. 1754–1811	10. Bapts. 1850
	5. Bapts. 1813–1850	11. Burs. 1892
	6. Burs. 1813–1893	

Transcripts in the Diocesan Registry begin 1561.

Register No. 1 is a parchment book in good condition—inscribed “ The Register Book of the Parish of St. Cosmus and Damian in the Bleane within ye Diocese of Canterbury, bearing date from the beginninge of ye Queens Maties Raigne, viz. the 17th day of November 1558 of Christenings, Marriages, and Burialls, according to the Booke of Canons set foorth in the 39th yeere of her Majesties raigne Ano Dni 1597, the which said Register booke is truly collected and gathered out of the Register booke of ye said Parish of Cosmus Damian in the Bleane from the said time unto ye yeare of our Lord God 1598, and so continuing from yeare to yeare and tyme to tyme.”

Entries during Commonwealth Period normal, and made by Vicar. Extracts. 1561. The xiii. day of February was buried Sir Thomas Hewet, Vicar.

- 1594. The xith day of August wa buried in Christ Church Thomas Lawre Doctor of the Civill laws.
- 1605. The xxv. of April was buried David Jeffery, minister of the blean.
- 1627. George Wicks and Isaac Wicks were both buried in a Coffin ye 4th May 1627.

1632. Edward Boys Generos' et Artium Mag' sepultus March 24.
 [Several entries relating to the Boys family about this date.]

1679. Sir Richard Head Baronet then of Rochester and Madam Anne
 Boys of Hoad widow were married November 6.

1682. Andrew Yardley of the Middle Temple London, Esq., and
 Margaret King of St. Stephens were married Oct. 17.

On the first page of Register No. 2 is a long note in Latin by James Williamson M.A. of St. Andrews Univ: and vicar of Blean giving a curious account of the deprivation of his predecessor,—vicar Simon Louth.

The Registers are in good condition and are kept at the Church.

In No. 10 are some notes (pasted to the inner side of the Cover) relating to the building of the National School in 1866.

Class B. No information given.

BOBBING, St. Bartholomew.

A.	1. Mixed 1560–1738	6. Burs. 1813–1894
	2. „ 1738–1812	7. Mars. 1837–1903
	3. Mars. 1754–1812	8. Bapts. 1871
	4. „ 1813–1838	9. Burs. 1894
	5. Bapts. 1813–1870	10. Mars. 1904

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1560.

No. 1 is a paper book, made from the Transcripts at Canterbury in 1894 by the late Joseph Meadows Cowper. The original Register was lost about 100 years ago.

No. 2 is a parchment book, containing Baptisms and Burials 1738–1812; and Marriages 1738 to 1753.

The Registers are in good condition and are kept in the Church.

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6. <i>Vestry Minute Book</i> 1853 to the present time.
8. <i>Terrier</i> of church lands.
9. <i>Tithe Map</i> , in the custody of the Vicar.

BONNINGTON, St. Rumwold.

A.	1. Mixed 1679–1812	4. Mars. 1838
	2. Mars. 1755–1812	5. Bapts. 1813
	3. „ 1813–1838	6. Burs. 1813

No earlier Register in 1833.

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1564.

Registers kept in the Church.

B.

6. <i>Vestry Minute Books</i> , 2 Vols., 1749 to 1911, and 1912 to date.
Inventories of Church Goods (dates not given).
9. <i>Tithe Map</i> in the custody of the Rector.

Note:—Bonnington parish is united with Bilsington.

BORDEN, St. Peter and St. Paul.

A.	1. Mixed 1555-1795	7. Mars. 1837
	2. Mars. 1754-1812	8. Bapts. 1845-1883
	3. Mixed 1795-1812	9. Burs. 1859-1895
	4. Burs. 1813-1858	10. Bapts. 1884
	5. Mars. 1813-1837	11. Burs. 1895
	6. Bapts. 1813-1845	

Transcripts begin in 1563.

The Registers are in good condition, and are kept at the Vicarage.

No. 1 is a parchment book, containing the Baptisms and Burials to 1795 ; and Marriages to 1753.

In this Register is written :—(1) a copy of the Will of Thomas Everard, vicar 1611-19 ; (2) The names of the donors of the old clock, 1615 ; (3) a list of Burial Fees and other "Agreements made by consent of the Parishioners," in 1624 ; (4) a Terrier of the Glebe, 1637.

Also "Briefs" from October 1660 to October 1769.

This Register was transcribed in 1912 by Miss L. Jenkinson.

No. 3 is a paper book of Baptisms and Burials.

B.	1. <i>Churchwardens' Accounts</i> , 4 Vols., (a) 1694-1719, (b) 1758-1794, (c) 1795-1838 (contains also <i>Overseers' Accounts</i> .)
	2. <i>Overseers' Accounts</i> , 7 Vols. from 1715 to 1839. Also 2 Vols. of <i>Relief Books</i> 1788-1835.
	Assessment list 1709.
	3. <i>Waywardens' Accounts</i> , 1 Vol. 1785-1822.
	13. <i>Charities</i> , 3 Vols. relating to Barrows' Charity 1707-1764. 1 Vol. relating to other charities 1701-1841.
	8. <i>Terrier of Church lands</i> , one dated 1637.
	9. <i>Tithe Map</i> in the custody of the Vicar.

(A plan of the church taken before alterations made in 1864, is in the Burial Register No. 9.

Class B kept at the Vicarage.

BOUGHTON ALUPH, All Saints.

A.	1. Mixed 1558-1660	6. Burs. 1813-1903
	2. „ 1662-1748	7. „ 1903
	3. „ 1749-1812	8. Bapts. 1870
	4. Mars. 1755-1812	9. Mars. 1813-1837
	5. Bapts. 1813-1870	10. „ 1837

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1563.

Baptisms are continuous to 1644, after that there are gaps with a few entries inserted—probably at a later date—up to 1660.

Baptisms from 1644-1649 are wanting.

Register 1. The entries 1558-1598 are transcripts from an earlier Register.

No. 2. Written inside the cover is the following: Conjugium Adventus prohibet: Hilaris relinquit Septuagesima vetat: set Pasche Octava relaxat: Rogamen vetitat: concedit Trina potestas. Advent marriage doth deny and Hilary gives thee liberty. Septuagesima says thee nay, eight days from Easter says ye may. Rogation bids thee to contain but Trinity sets thee free again.

"Memorandum on ye first of March ¹⁶²² ~~1700~~ som villains Broke ye Ch Window rent ye portch on ye South side and gott into ye church yt. way and Broke open 4 locks on 2 chests but neither plate nor linnen being there they were disapoynted of their prey. A faire warning for ye future. On Xmas Eve ye 4 Bell was broke in pieces through the carelessness of workmen wch let it fall" (The writing being the same as above under date 1699).

February the 18th 1723 Mr. Rolph the Church Clerk broke the brass effigies of a minister off from a grave stone in the South Chancel which had this inscription "Quod mater ecclesia tenetur credere, credit. Laudate Jehovan omnes gentes, laudate eum omnes populi, quia continenter est super nos misericordia ejus et caritas Domini manet in *o*eternum Psalm 117." [He was turn'd out of his place for this crime.]

"Mr. Jno. Coozens buried his son in the Church the 17 of March 1723 for which he payed 20/- for breaking up the ground: of which the Parish had 6s. 8d., the other 13s. 4d. I had being the fee due to the Minister J. Wenn." On the other cover of this register is a map of Broadmead—a detached portion of the parish shewing the cuts of hay, very accurate in all details—dated 1662 "whereof 24 acres and a varlet (?Carvet) pays tithe of hay to Boughton." On this map the names of the occupiers of each "cut" are inserted.

There is a Woollen Book.

Registers kept "in the Church or at the Rectory."

- B. 1. *Churchwardens' Account Books*, one vol. beginning 1790.
- 2. *Overseers' Books*, 2 modern account Books.
- 3. *Tithe Map* in the custody of the Rector.
- 10. *Deeds*. A number of settlement papers which have been carefully copied—also deeds of indenture of parish children and other papers relating to the old poor law.

BOUGHTON UNDER THE BLEAN, St. Peter and St. Paul.

A. ✓ 1. Mixed	1558-1626	✓ 9. Burs.	1813-1874	✓
✓ 2. ,,	1624-1687	✓ 10. Mars.	1837-1892	✓
✓ 3. ,,	1686-1783	✓ 11. Bapts.	1849-1891	✓
✓ 4. Mars.	1754-1810 ✓	✓ 12. Burs.	1875-1907	
5. Bapts.		✓ 13. Bapts.	1891- ¹⁹³⁰	✓
✓ & Burs.	1784-1812	✓ 14. Mars.	1892- ¹⁹¹⁷	✓
✓ 6. Mars.	1810-1812 ✓	✓ 15. Burs.	1907	✓
✓ 7. Bapts.	1813-1848 ✓	✓ 16. Bapts.	1896 (in St. Barnabas)	✓
✓ 8. Mars.	1813-1837 ✓	✓ 17. Mars.	1827	

18. Mars. 1827

Transcripts in the Diocesan Registry begin 1568.

Gaps: No Baptisms from 9 January, 1570-1, to the 23 November 1571; also very few irregularly entered 1643-45, and few 1646-52. No Marriages from 28 December 1570 to 9 June, 1572; also very few 1641-52. No Burials from 8 January, 1570-1 to 19 November, 1571.

No. 1 was transcribed by Rev. J. A. Boodle (vicar 1887 to 1908) and printed by the Parish Register Society, 1903. Also about half of No. 2 transcribed but not printed.

Registers 1, 2, 3 and 5 are parchment books, the others paper.

In Register 2, are two pages by John Johnson (vicar 1687-97) headed "Some account of the Vicars of this parish etc." from Richard Mepham (rector 1330?). Followed by notes on John Conold (1697-1704) and William Plees (1704-52).

2. Two pages giving an account of the lawsuit between the lessee of the parsonage and John Conold about small tithes, 1702-3.

3. Copy of an order of the vestry 1 Nov., 1713, appropriating a pew to the servants of the Vicar. Also notes on Henry Heaton, vicar 1752-77.

4. A copy of the "Decrees of the Exchequer about Tythe of Hopps."

5. Notes by William Plees, vicar 1704-52 on repairing and partly rebuilding the vicarage-house in 1716-18.

6. Copy and translation of the certificate of the baptism of Nicholas Wanray at Nimingen on August 20, 1688.

Register No. 3 contains (1) on the cover, the signatures of vicars, beginning with that of John Johnson (1687-97).

2. On the fly-leaf.—"Memor. Archbishop Tenison confirmed 3,620 persons, whereof 52 belonge" (torn).

3. On the title-page:—"Memorand. yt on ye 16th of May being Thursday, 1695, Dr. Thomas Tenison, late Lord Bishop of Lincoln, was personally enthroned in the Archiepiscopal See of Canterbury wch. none had don before, since Archbp. Warham, 1504. Afterward he proceeded to visit ye Cathedral Church and ye whole Diocese, to ye great satisfaction of all good men."

"The little yew-tree near the Altar Tomb which is opposite to the south door of this church was sett there by.....Ano. Dni 1695." The name of the person being erased.

4. A long account in Latin of a dispute concerning the appointment of a Parish-clerk 1693.

5. A note about Archbishop Lanfranc, and exemptions from Archidiaconal Visitations.

Also the number of houses and inhabitants in 1782, and statistics of baptisms, marriages, and funerals from 1680 to 1782 by Charles Moore, vicar 1778 to 1803.

6. Notes about (1) Glebe boundaries; (2) a new altar-piece, dial and pedestal 1754; (3) Procurations; (4) Census of Boughton Hernhill 1695.

7. Five pages of Notes by John Johnson vicar 1687-97, on the church and parish.

Registers kept in the Church.

B. 1. *Churchwardens' Accounts* :—7 vols., 1530–1656; 1707–24; 1724–48; 1748–73; 1773–1804; 1804–45; 1845 to the present time. Of St. Barnabas church 1896.
2. *Overseers' Accounts* :—7 vols., 1670–85; 1685–1705; 1719–37; 1737–51; 1751–70; 1770–94; 1821–37.
3. *Highway Accounts*, 4 Vols.
Surveyors' Books 1764–1806.
6. *Vestry Minute Books*, 2 vols., 1785–1857; 1858 to the present time.
9. *Tithe Map*, in the custody of the Vicar.
10. *Faculty* for erection of Church Room, 1902.
13. *Records of Charities* :—Deeds of Feoffment, etc., from 1569; and numerous leases.

The following Printed Books are kept in the Church Chest:—The Homilies, bought in 1695, restored to the parish in 1911.

John Johnson's:—(1) *Uubloody Sacrifice*; (2) *Clergyman's Vade Mecum*; (3) *The Canons*; (4) *Holy David*; and (5) Brett's *Life of Johnson*.

C. Moore's:—(1) Suicide (three copies); (2) Sermons, two volumes; (3) Sermon on Sunday Schools 1785, with an account of their establishment at Boughton and Hernhill.

Class B kept at the Church in the Parish Chest.

BOUGHTON MALHERBE.

A.	1. Mixed	1671-1717	6. Bapts.	1813-1857
	2. ,,	1716-1794	7. Burs.	1813-1913
	3. Mars.	1754-1814	8. Mars.	1837-1913
	4. Mixed	1794-1812	9. Bapts.	1858-1913
	5. Mars.	1813-1838		

Transcripts in the Diocesan Registry begin 1563.

B. 1. *Churchwardens' Accounts*, 1826–1913.
2. *Overseers' Accounts* between 1677–1838.
3. *Waywardens Accounts*, 1760–1772.
 (The Bounds of the Parish 1836).
4. *Constables Accounts*. Watch rate book : 1852–1853.
6. *Vestry Minute Book* : 1856–1913.
7. *Inventories of Church Goods*: (a) 1856, (b) undated.
8. *Terrier of Church Lands*: one undated.
9. *Map* : Tithe Map, in the custody of the Vicar.
10. *Deeds* : Settlement Papers beginning 1697. Indentures
 of Apprenticeship...1698.

Class B, some of the records are kept at the Rectory, others in the Church.

BOUGHTON MONCHELSEA, St. Peter.

A.	1. Mixed 1560-1653*	8. Bapts. 1813-1860
	2. , 1653-1682	9. Bapts.
	3. , 1694-1803	& Burs. 1804-1812
	4. Mars. 1754-1812	10. Bapts. 1861
	5. , 1812-1837	11. Burs. 1813-1899
	6. , 1837-1890	12. , 1899
	7. , 1890	

Gaps: No entries 1683-94.

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1560.

Registers kept in the Church.

B.	1. <i>Churchwardens' Accounts</i> : } (Several volumes but no par-	
	2. <i>Overseers' Accounts</i> : } ticulars received).	
	6. <i>Vestry Minute Books</i> , 1833 to present time.	
	8. <i>Terriers of church lands</i> . Two.	
	9. <i>Tithe Map</i> , in the custody of the Vicar.	
	11. <i>Faculties</i> —(1) For restoration of the church 1875; and (2) For two bells, 1881.	

Class B kept in a Wooden Chest (locked) in the Vestry.

*In 1594 at the Visitation of the Archdeacon it was presented:—
"That our book of Register hath been duly and orderly kept since this
our minister came unto us, but before it was mangled and many things
cut out, we know not by whom":—Vol. 45 (1593-1604) fol. 52 in Cathe-
dral Library, Canterbury.

BOXLEY, St. Mary and All Saints.

A.	1. Mixed 1558-1678	8. Bapts. 1813-1858
	2. , 1678-1809	9. Burs. 1813-1874
	3. Burs. 1678-1809	10. Mars. 1837-1895
	4. Mars. 1754-1806	11. Bapts. 1859
	5. , 1806-1812	12. Burs. 1875
	6. Bapts. 1809-1812	13. Mars. 1895
	7. Mars. 1813-1837	

The Registers from 1558 to 1812 have been transcribed and indexed in 1909 by Mrs. Malden of Guildford, a copy is in the custody of the Vicar.

Gaps:—There is great irregularity between 1644 and 1672.

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin in 1560.

No. 1 is a parchment book of 51 leaves, 16 in. by 6½ in., the earlier part being a copy made by George Case, vicar, from another book not now existing. The Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials being entered as they occurred. On the first page is the following inscription:—
"Liber Registralis Ecclesiae de Boxlye, continens nomina eorum qui a primo beatae memoriae Elizabethae Regiminis anno, vel baptismo

initiati, vel matrimonio copulati et conjuncti, vel sepulturæ traditi in dicta parochia.

Vivat Elyzabetha Regina.

Angliae, Franciae, et Hyberniae

Regina, Fidei Defensatrix,

Virgo Virtute Victoriosa.

Emptus fuit liber iste xi mo. die Octobris anno Incarnationis Dominicæ 1598, pretio 10/- ex sumptibus dictæ parochiae, Incumbente tum ibidem Georgio Case, Artium Magistro, Oxoneensi; Oeconomicis illius anni Johanne Payne, et Richardo Goldsmith, anno regni Reginæ Elizabethæ xl."

At the end of this Register:—" 1646. The second sabbath in March being the first after three years preparation (by the preaching of the glorious gospel of Jesus Christ) we whose names are hereunder written entered into Church fellowship under the ministry of Thomas Haymes set apart by God and sent by the state of the kingdom to the same work. First fruits" (here follow fifteen names).

There are various notes about the Kember Trust, and an extract from the Will of William Kember, 1602.

Four persons are mentioned by name who—" do not frequent public prayers," and eight who " have not received the Eucharist."

" Lest anyone thinks that all the inhabitants of the parish care for order and obey the canons of the church,—public prayers are rejected by most, and I am sorry to say it is most difficult to reduce them to order."

Several Briefs are entered, including one in 1629 for the poore and distressed ministers of the Palatinate, which produced 8s. 5d.

On the inside of the end cover is the following note:—" Advent Sunday wedding goes out. Hylary Bishopp wedding comes in. Rogation Sunday wedding goes out." Trinity Sunday wedding comes in and houlds till Advent Sunday. Also three lines of Latin to the same effect.

This Register, during the years George Case was vicar contains numerous Latin verses, written as epitaphs on members of the Wyatt family, and others, composed by the vicar, and including one for his own tomb.

No. 2 is a parchment book 12 in. by 8½ in., of Baptisms and Marriages entered at the opposite ends of the book. Following the Baptisms are (1) A description of the income of the vicarage, by Jo. Wyvell, vicar, 6 March 1694. (2) A copy of the extract of the Will of William Kember, copied from the first register. (3) A history of the vicarage from 1704 to 1778, written by William Nance, L.L.B., vicar, 24 December 1778. (4) Sick and Needy accounts from 1802 to 1808.

No. 3 is a parchment book, 20 in. by 7 in., of Burials. Inside the cover is written:—" John Wyvell, M.A., Prebendary of Rochester was Inducted into the Vicarage of Boxley, January 11th, 1690."

"Memorandum. That the vicar of Boxley hath a pension of £8 yearly payable every Michaelmas Day out of the King's Exchequer. Witness my hand this 27th day of December, 1691. Jo. Wyvell, vicar of Boxley." This is followed by a note as to the manner of the paying of this pension, and that it was paid for the years 1692-95.

"December 9th, 1693, I set up the new Dial in the churchyard, and the old one at the vicarage. Ben Hollingworth, curate.

January 20. Planted 18 apple trees.

February 10. 8 vines and 4 pear trees.

March 12. I grafted 9 apple and plumtrees, and planted 3 cherie trees at the vicarige in Boxley. B. H."

Inside the cover at the end of the book :—"The form of a complaint to be made to the Justices of the Peace for the Recovery of Easter Offerings, etc."

No. 4 also contains the Bauns (all printed forms). On the fly-leaf is written :—"This Book for Registering of Bauns and Marriages according to Act of Parliament, cost fourteen shillings, April 13th, 1754."

Registers kept in the Church.

- B. 1. *Churchwardens' Accounts* 1823 to present time.
- 2. *Overseers' Accounts*, 2 Vols., 1691 to 1723; 1780-1835.
- 3. *Waywardens' Accounts*; 5 vols., 1783-97; 1820-40; 1841-3; 1844-50; 1857-60.
- 6. *Vestry Minute Books*, 1795-1908, 1908 to the present day.
- 7. *Inventories* :—(1) Of church plate; (2) church goods; (3) parochial records.
- 9. *Tithe Map*, in the custody of the Vicar. *Tithe Book*, 1719-1748.
- 10. *Deeds*.—Copy of Order in Council, separating Dunn Street from Boxley, 7 April, 1864.
Conveyance of land for School, 3 Feb., 1846.
Conveyance of land for glebe, 31 March, 1871.
Conveyance of land for girls' play-ground at the School, 15 October, 1897.
- 11. *Faculties* :—(1) For decorating the east wall of the chancel, 1898; (2) For closing the churchyard, 1881; (3) For erecting a memorial to the Rev. W. S. Cadman, 1908.
- 13. *Parish Charities* :—Extracts of the Wills of :—(1) William Kember 1602; (2) Edward Hunt, 1843; (3) Rev. J. Griffith, 1879.

Class B are kept in the following depositories :—(1) in the house of the Parish Clerk, (2) (3) (9) (10) at the Vicarage, (7) (13) in safe at the Church.

BRABOURNE, St. Mary.

A.	1. Mixed 1558-1801	6. Mars. 1813-1837
	2. Bapts. 1800-1812	7. Burs. 1813
	3. Mars. 1755-1807	8. Bapts. 1893
	4. , 1807-1812	9. Mars. 1837
	5. Bapts. 1813-1893	10. Burs. 1679-1800

The Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1561.

No. 1 is a parchment book, 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. by 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ in., the earlier entries being transcripts from an earlier register made in 1598 by John Cadman, Vicar.

On the inside of the vellum cover is written—"The Church is dedicated to Saint Mary," and then "Vicars of Brabourne, from 1558," commencing with George Wreake, Vicar, buried 16 July, 1593. The list is complete up to the present day; each Vicar presumably inserting his own appointment.

No. 10 contains the affidants of burials in woollen. The first entry is:—"William the son of John Sharpe was buried October the 6: 1678; and there was Affidavit made that he was buried according to a late Act of Parliament intituled an Act for burying in woollen only." On the opposite page is the following:—"Memorandum—Elizabeth Bull, weddow, was buried in Linen contrary to a late Act made for burying in that which was made of Sheepe's wool only, and paid the forfeiture mentioned in that Act, and was distributed as followeth." There are eleven names with the amount opposite each; and signed by John Richards, vicar.

A small note book of paper with a vellum cover, inscribed on the inside:—"I desire that this Book may be carefully conveyed to my successor in the vicarage of Brabourne. The Church of Brabourne is dedicated to St. Mary. Joseph Price 1786." The book contains information on various matters concerning both Brabourne and Monks Horton parishes, and has been kept posted up by succeeding vicars.

B. 1. *Churchwardens' Accounts*, 1 Vol. 1693 to 1913.
 2. *Overseers' Accounts*, 1719-1835.
 6. *Vestry Minute Books*, 1872 to present day.
 9. *Tithe Map*, in the custody of the Rector.

Note:—Brabourne is united with Monks Horton.

BREDGAR, St. John the Baptist.

A.	1. Mixed	1546-1678	6. Mars.	1813-1837
	2. ,,	1679-1812	7. ,,	1837
	3. Bapts.	1813-1855	8. Burs.	1813-1884
	4. ,,	1855	9. ,,	1884
	5. Mars.	1754-1812		

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin in 1563.

No. 1 is a parchment book 17 in. by 6 $\frac{1}{4}$ in. Page 1 has the baptism of James Tonge, 26 November, 38 Henry VIII. (1546) followed by other entries of the Tonge family to 1558.

Page 2 begins:—"Bredgar. The Register Booke for the Parrish of Bredgar within the Denory of Sedingborne in the Countie of Kent made the X day of Februarie 1559 and in the first yeaire of the Raigne of ower Sovaigne Ladie Elizabeth by the grace of God of England Frunce and Ireland Queene, defendor of the faithe, etc."

At the end of the entries for 1653 is the appointment of William Turkill of Bredgar, blacksmith, elected as parish Register for Bredgar 24 March 1653; and signed by John Osborne.

Banns Book 1832-1910.

Registers kept at the Church.

B. 1. *Churchwardens' Accounts* :—4 vols. :—(a) 1697 to 1768; (b) 1750 to 1805; (c) 1806 to 1903; (d) 1903 to present day. Church Rate Book, 1835; 1864 to 1870.
 2. *Overseers' Accounts*, 2 vols. :—(a) 1730 to 1766; (b) 1763-66. Poor Book 1661 to 1694; 1780.
 6. *Vestry Minute Books*, 4 Vols.; (a) 1702 to 1707; (b) 1783 to; (c) 1820 to 1883; (d) 1884 to present day. Church Book, 1660 to 1686.
 8. *Terrier*, copy made in 1834.
 9. *Maps*, Tithe Map and Apportionment 1888.
 Charity School Accounts, 2 vols., (a) 1780 to 1841; (b) 1841 to 1885.
 10. *Deeds* of various dates, and sundry papers.

Class B kept in the Church Chest.

BREDHURST, St. Peter.

A. 1. Mixed 1546-1706	5. Mars. 1813-1850
2. , 1706-1791	6. Bapts. 1813-1901
3. Mars. 1756-1809	7. Burs. 1813
4. Bapts. & Burs. 1792-1811	8. Mars. 1837
	9. Bapts. 1901

The Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1564.

No. 1 is a parchment book $13\frac{1}{2}$ in. by 6 in., with the following inscription on the first page :—“ A register booke of all the christeninges, weddeings, and burialls, which have ben in the parish of bredhurste in the Countye of Kente from the yeare of our Lorde one thousande four hundredth fortie and five as followeth, made and copied and writen out the tenth daye of October, anno domini millesimo quingentessimo. nonagesimo octavo.”

Registers kept at the Vicarage.

B. 1. *Churchwardens' Accounts* 1806-75.
 2. *Overseers' Accounts* 1787-1836.
 3. *Waywardens' Accounts* 1776-1836.
 6. *Vestry Minute Book*, 1845 to present day.
 7. *Inventory of Church goods*. } No dates given.
 8. *Terrier of lands*. }
 9. *Tithe Map*, in the custody of the Vicar.
 London Gazette 30 June, 1865, containing Order in Council, as to Bredhurst Augmentation.
 Order in Council 7 April, 1864, adding part of Boxley parish to Bredhurst.

Class B kept at the Vicarage.

BRENZETT, St. Eanswith.

A.	1. Mixed 1538-1598	6. Mars. 1815-1836
	2. , 1538-1780	7. Bapts. 1813-1911
	3. Mars. 1756-1812	8. Mars. 1838-1911
	4. Bapts. & Burs. 1780-1813	9. Bapts. 1911
	5. Burs. 1813-1881	10. Mars. 1911

Transcripts in the Diocesan Registry begin 1563.

No. 1 is the original paper book 7 in. by 5½ in., and appears to have been originally bound with a leaf from a 13th century Psalter.

No. 2 is a parchment book and begins with the contents of Register 1, transcribed on parchment by George Bladen, curate. The Marriages end 1755.

This Register contains the following notes:—

“ Memorandum. The chancel of Brenset Church belonging to William Brockman, esquire, Parson and Patron thereof, was by his consent and permission at ye request of ye Vicar and Parishioners, made convenient by a range of pews raised quite round it (ye East End only excepted where ye Communion table stands) for ye more orderly and decent Celebration of ye L'ds Supper, at ye charge of ye Parish, anno 1710. Jo. Bunce, vicar, Jo. Crouch, churchwarden.”

“ Jan. 25, 1730. The Legacy which was left to ye poor of Brenzett by Jo. Crouch, Blacksmith, was 5d (? 5*li.*) to be paid by his Executors to ye Minister of ye P'sh, one moiety in Jan. 1731, ye other moiety in Jan. 1732.” [Then followed the names of those who benefitted by the legacy.]

On a piece of leather stitched to the last page of this Register, are the following notes:—

“ Mem. The Sentence of Excommunication was publicly denounced in ye Church of Brenset on Sunday, July 13, 1729, against William Wright, mason; and Sarah the wife of Henry Suffrant, they having been presented for living in Adultery, and having refused to appear at ye Court to answer for ymselves. J. Bunce, vicar.”

“ Ye old Comm. Cup weighed 8 oz. 10d. weight. It was changed away for a new one.”

No. 8 Register (1838-1911) has the following note:—

“ A.D. 1859 Memorandum. In this year the vicarage House in this parish was rebuilt at the joint expense of the Rev. Tatton Brockman, Rector, and the Rev. Ed. R. Nares, Vicar.”

Woollen Book.—“ A Register of all those that have been buried in woollen, according to the order of an Act of Parliament made Anno. Carol. 2 xxx, viz., An Act for burying in Woollen in the Parish of Brenzett in Romney Marsh, since the first of August 1678.”

The Registers are kept in the Church, No. 1 in fair condition the rest good.

B. 1. *Churchwardens' Accounts Book*, 1 vol.:—1546–1619 has annotations made probably by the Rev. John Bunce, vicar 1707–37. He had evidently read these accounts carefully and where he thought the old writing very difficult to read he rewrote the words above the old writing. The following is one of his annotations:—The Holy Communion was frequently administered at ye beginning of ye Reformation as appears by ye account above written, which tells us yt in ye year 1565 there were seven several Celebrations of ye Lds Supper in this parish of Brenzett; and it further appears by wt is under written yt there were generally 30 persons who did communicate with ye Priest.”

5. *Brief Book* 1706–1708

6. *Vestry Minute Books*, 2 Vols., 1824 to the present day.

11. *Faculty*, one, for an oak Reredos and brass Cross 1911.

9. *Tithe Map*, in the custody of the Parish Council.

Class B are kept in the Church.

BRIDGE, St. Peter.

A.	1. Mixed	1579–1766	7. Burs.	1813–1888
	2. „	1767–1812	8. „	1888
	3. Mars.	1754–1812	9. Bapts.	1883
	4. „	1813–1837	10. Mars.	1837
	5. Bapts.	1813–1850	11. „	1837 Duplicates.
	6. „	1815–1883		

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1560.

Entries between 1644–1660 fewer in number than the previous average.

Register 1 contains a list of contributions made in the year 1671 for redeeming Captives from the Corsairs in Algiers it is headed: “ Towards ye raising of 30,000*li.* for the redemption of a great number of their fellow countrymen and Christians from that miserable Turkish cruel and inhuman slavery and bondage they now groan under.” The total amount collected was £3.

The Registers are in good condition and are kept in an iron safe in the Vicarage.

B. 1. *Churchwardens' Account Books*. One for 1802–1851.

5. *Briefs*. A large number are entered in the earliest Register Book.

6. *Vestry Minute Book*. One in present use.

7. *Inventories of Church goods*. One.

9. *Maps*. Tithe Map kept at the Bifrons estate office.

11. *Faculties*. One for extension of Churchyard.

12. *Acts of Consecration*. One for the ground added to the Churchyard.

Class B records are kept in the Vicarage.

BROADSTAIRS, Holy Trinity.

Modern Parish, Registers begin 1850.

BROOMFIELD, St. Margaret.

A.	1. Mixed 1579–1775	5. Mars. 1817–1837
	2. Mars. 1754–1806	6. Burs. 1813
	3. Bapts.	7. Mars. 1837
	& Burs. 1776–1812	
	4. Bapts. 1813	

Gaps: No Marriages 1643–1666; and no Burials 1649–1663.

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1567.

No. 1 is a parchment book 17 in. by 8 in., containing Baptisms and Burials to 1775; and Marriages to 1757. From 1642 to 1663 the entries of Baptism are very irregular.

No. 3 is a parchment book $15\frac{3}{4}$ in. by 6 in., and on the fly-leaf is written:—"Thomas, Lord Fairfax died at his Proprietary (sic) in Virginia, on the ninth day of December, 1781, in the eighty ninth year of his age."

Registers kept in the Church.

B.	1. <i>Churchwardens' Accounts</i> , 2 Vols., 1712–99; 1799–1914. In the first volume are entries of the payment of 50/- to eleven poor people, for the burying in linen of the Lady Fairfax in 1719; and for Lord Fairfax in 1744.
	2. <i>Overseers' Accounts</i> , 3 vols., 1695–1727; 1728–74; 1773–1816.
	3. <i>Waywardens' Accounts</i> , 2 vols., 1700–1748; 1752–1815.
	6. <i>Vestry Minute Books</i> , 1829 to present day.
	9. <i>Tithe Map</i> , in the custody of the Vicar.

Class B kept in the Church.

BROOKE, St. Mary.

A.	1. Mixed 1695–1812	4. Mars. 1837
	2. Mars. 1754–1812	5. Bapts. 1813
	3. , 1813–1836	6. Burs. 1813

No earlier Register mentioned in the Parliamentary Return of 1813. Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1563.

No. 1. Inside the cover is a list of Church-Fees, settled by order of Vestry April 8th, 1771:—

The fee for burying a parishioner is 1/-, and for prayers in the church (at funerals) a double fee was demanded.

For a funeral sermon 10/-, if with a chosen text £1 1s.

Amongst the clerk's fees is one of 6d. "for setting the Trushes (hassocks) at the Font."

1751. Memd. January the first. This day is fixed by Act of Parliament for the beginning of the year 1752.

The Registers are kept at the Rectory.

B. 1. *Churchwardens' Accounts*, 2 Vols. (1) 1783-1877 (2) 1878-1896.

9. *Tithe Map*, in the Custody of the Rector.

Class B kept at the Rectory.

BROOKLAND, St. Augustine.

A.	1. Mixed	1538-1557	8. Bapts.	1813-1863
	2. ,,	1558-1766	9. Mars.	1786-1812
	3. Burs.	1714-1786	10. ,,	1813-1837
	4. Mixed	1684-1798	11. Bapts.	1863-1913
	5. Burs.	1798-1812	12. Burs.	1863-1913
	6. ,,	1813-1863	13. Mars.	1838-1913
	7. Bapts.	1798-1812		

There is a gap between 1676 and 1684.

Transcripts of the Registers begin 1560.

No. 1 is the original Paper Book in a parchment cover. Nos. 1, 2 and 3 have been carefully restored and rebound at the Public Records Office in London. No. 9 requires similar treatment.

Registers kept in the Church.

B. 1. *Churchwardens' Accounts*, 1848 to the present day.

6. *Vestry Minute Book* 1822 to the present time.

9. *Tithe Map* in the custody of the Vicar.

10. *Deeds*. Documents relating to the Conveyance of a piece of land purchased for the enlargement of the churchyard in 1856.

Class B kept at the Vicarage.

Note:—Brookland parish is united with Fairfield.

BUCKLAND IN DOVER, St. Andrew.

A.	1. Mixed	1576-1733	9. Bapts.	1843-1880
	2. ,,	1734-1812	10. ,,	1880-1902
	3. Mars.	1755-1812	11. ,,	1902
	4. ,,	1813-1837	12. Burs.	1813-1848
	5. ,,	1837-1873	13. ,,	1848-1871
	6. ,,	1874-1899	14. ,,	1871-1891
	7. ,,	1899	15. ,,	1891-1904
	8. Bapts.	1813-1843	16. ,,	1904

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1565.

No. 1 and 2 are bound together.

No. 1 was found by the present Rector in 1874 in a box in the Vestry, and being in a very dilapidated state was repaired, interleaved, and bound at the cost of the Rector in 1899.

At the end of the Burial entries is the copy of a deed relating to a legacy of £5 (name of testator illegible) to the Churchwardens and Overseers for the poor of the parish.

At the beginning of Register No. 10 are memoranda relating to additions to the Church and its furniture between the years 1879 and 1891.

B. 1. *Churchwardens' Accounts*, 1 Vol., 1682-1763 (rebound and repaired).
 6. *Vestry Minutes*, 3 Vols. from 1843.
 7. *Inventory*, One, (bound in one of the baptismal registers), also letters concerning a Chalice, of the year 1635, which had been alienated before the induction of the present Vicar.
 10. *Tithe Map*, in the custody of the Vicar.
 Class B are kept in an iron safe at the Vicarage.

BURMARSH, All Saints.

A.	1. Mixed	1572-1714	5. Mars.	1838-1912
	2. "	1700-1812	6. Bapts.	1813
	3. Mars.	1754-1811	7. Burs.	1814-1910
	4. "	1813-1836	8. "	1678-1697

No. 8 consists of thirteen loose sheets of entries, with certificates of the deceased having been buried in all woollen.

In the Parliamentary return made in 1833 the earliest register is said to date from 1700.

Transcripts in the Diocesan Registry begin 1562.

No. 1 is a parchment book $13\frac{1}{2}$ in. by $6\frac{1}{2}$ in., and contains Baptisms 1572-1714; Marriages 1572-1713; and Burials 1572-1699. On the first page are written the following notes:—"July 1680. Given then for the Redemption of Captives in Turkish Slavery 14s. 9d.

Jan. 8, 1681-2, Given then for the relief of French Protestants 7/-.

July 7, 1689. For relief of distressed Irish Protestants, £1 4s. 6d.

May 1690. For Irish Protestants, 2s. 6d.

On page 3:—June 26, 1692. For Redemption of Captives in Turkish Slavery, 5s. 6d.

April 1699. For French Protestants fled for their Religion into Piedmont, 9s. 3d."

At the head of page 3 are two marriage entries out of place, omitted apparently at the time:—Dec. 25th 1673; and April, 3, 1676.

At the end of the book are more briefs:—"March 6th, 1703-4. Given towards the relief of the Protestants driven out of the Principality of Orange by Lewis the fourteenth then King of France, because they would not change their religion, 13s.

August 9, 1691. For Teignmouth in Devonsh. 1s.-9d. collected by Hen. Hurt, curate, and James Grimes churchwarden.

March 2, 1706-7. For the Redemption of the Captives at Maihanos under the Emperor of Fez and Morocco, 4s.-3d.

March 23, 1700-1. For the poor sufferers by fire in the Parish of St. Mary Magdalene, Bermondsey, 2s. 6d."

On the inside of the cover are five entries of births, from May 4, 1695 to July 10, 1696 with the following statement. "The Act of imposition upon Births, Marriages, and Burials, for 5 years commencing

at the first of May 1695, enjoins us to keep a Register of all children's births for so long. Therefore, I, Hen. Hurt, curate, do hereby signifye that on May 4, 1695, etc."

At the end of the Marriages is the following entry :—" Whether Thomas Lane who has 3 times subscribed this book, was Rector of this Parish, I can't affirm, but it is certain that Mr. James Watts was Rector here some short time and probably lived in the Parsonage House or near the Parish, for he was buried in this Place in the year 1661. The next Rector of this parish was Mr. Geo. Jones (whom I knew), he lived at Sittingbourne and was Vicar there :—Mr. Hurt was only Curate here and Rector of St. Maries. It is probable he lived at Ashford sometime, because he had a child born and baptised there. But his wife was buried here, Ann, Dni 1671. And for many years Mr. Hurt lived in his own House (a very good Brick'd house of his own building) in New Romney, and there died and was Buried at St. Maries 1699. Mr. Edward Wace succeeded Mr. Hurt both in the Curacy of Burmarsh and the Rectory of St. Maries, and about 1706 Mr. Jones, Rector of Burmarsh died. After Mr. Jones came Mr. Wightwick, and continued Rector here not above a year or two ; he had likewise the Rectory of Kingsnorth where he Resided. The next Rector of Burmarsh was Mr. John Honywood who new built the Parsonage House, and is now Vicar of Petham and of Waltham annexed, he Resides at Petham where he has built a very handsome Vicarage-House. Mr. Wace continued Curate here till about 1714, when he had the Curacy of Ivychurch. And then Mr. Laud Cade, Vicar of Sellinge served this cure but he was displaced at Michmas, 1729, and Mr. William Gurney then Curate of Dimchurch (but now Rector of Herst and Vicar of Westwell where he dwells), served the cure to Michaelmas, 1730. And then I, Henry Bagnall,* Vicar of Lympne (where I reside) and Rector of Frittenden took upon me this Curacy :—my Salary from Mr. Honywood is 24*l.* per ann., and 2*l.* per ann., paid by Mr. Lewis of St. John's-in-Thanet for performing the occasional offices of his parish of Eastbridge, and for administering sacred office to his parishioners of Eastbridge in the Parish Church of Burmarsh."

[*See *Archæologia Cantiana*, Vol. xiv. p. 446.]

No. 2 is a parchment book 14*l* in. by 7 in. of Baptisms 1700–1812 ; Marriages 1700–1754 ; and Burials 1700–1812. On the first page is written :—" July 16, 1809. Js. Carpenter, Rector of Burmarsh succeeded Wm. Wing Fowle, Rector of Ivychurch and Burmarsh. Wm. Webster, Rector of Dymchurch and occassional Minister here.

April 23rd, 1815, Henry Woodsell, parish clerk."

In this Register fourteen years of Baptisms and Marriages are copied into it from the first Register, with certain particulars omitted in some cases, *e.g.*, "by Licence at Canterbury ;" in another "Inhabitant of Newchurch." In both the wording is different. Two entries, are ommitted, *viz.*—August 28th, 1702, and March 29th, 1703.

CANTERBURY, All Saints.*

A.	1. Mixed	1559–1697	6. Burs.	1813–1855
	2. „	1697–1797	7. Bapts.	1813–1891
	3. Mars.	1754–1797	8. Mars.	1813–1837
	4. „	1798–1812	9. „	1837–1902
	5. Burs.	1797–1812		

*[The Church has been closed since 1902.]

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1563.

Register No. 1 which is a parchment book has on its last leaf "the names of certayne children of strangers dwelling within the parishe of Alsaints in the cyttie of Canterburye."

Inside the cover of Register No. 2 is a memorandum of the births of several children born of Anabaptist parents between 1710-1782.

Marriages between 1630-1644 are above the average. For the years 1648, 9, 1653 none are entered. The Churchyard was closed in 1856; but some burials from this parish were made in the cemetery of St. John's Hospital, at a later date.

The Registers are in good condition and are kept in the Vestry of the Church of St. Alphege.

B. No information as to Records in this Class.

CANTERBURY, St. Alphege.

A.	1. Mixed	1558-1653	8. Bapts.	1778-1812
	2. "	1653-1667	9. "	1813-1846
	3. "	1677-1777	10. "	1846-1894
	4. Mars.	1754-1775.	11. "	1894
	5. "	1791-1812	12. Burs.	1813-1864
	6. "	1813-1837	13. Mars.	1896
	7. "	1837-1896		

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1569.

Gaps: No marriages 1636-1653 and 1660-1662. No Burials 1637-1653.

Register 1 is a vellum book, the entries from 1558 to 1598 being transcripts from an earlier register.

On a flyleaf at the end is a list of the names of the Flemish children born in the parish between 1600-1644—33 in all.

In Register No. 8 a photograph is pasted inside the cover with the following inscription in the hand of the Rev. W. Temple. "View of Rectory house of St. Alphege taken down by virtue of Faculty, January 1876." Also a note in the same hand relating to a bequest by the Rev. Geo. Hearne in 1804 for a Sunday School, and the gift by Geo. White of Canterbury of the sum of £50 to be held in trust by the Rector and Churchwardens, the interest to be paid to the former for preaching an evening sermon.

The Registers (to 1800)—were transcribed and printed by the late J. M. Cowper in 1889. Mr. Cowper in his preface gives copies of the wills of Thomas Prowde, 1 May 1468, Robert Gosborne, Clerk 23 July, 1522, and John Caxton, 11 Oct. 1485; also a list of Rectors of the parish from 1311-1887. He also mentions that several falsifications appear to have been practised on entries relating to the Denne family *circa* 1620.

The Registers are kept at the Church. No. 1 requires rebinding, the rest are in good order.

B.

- 1. *Churchwardens' Accounts*, 4 Vols. (1) 1717-1752. (2) 1806-1830. (3) 1830-1841. (4) 1842-1870.
- 6. *Vestry Minute Book*, 1 Vol. 1793-1869, contains also an account of the Bounds of the parish, and extracts from the statute book of Jesus Hospital*

*[The Statute book is in the Library of the Dean and Chapter.]

9. *Maps*, one map (coloured) of the parish, made 1784. This is framed and hung in the Church.

Class B kept in the Church Vestry.

CANTERBURY, St. Andrew's (Church Closed 1882).

A.	1. Mixed 1564-1638	4. Mars. 1813-1837
	2. " 1653-1735	5. " 1837-1879
	3. Mars. 1754-1812	6. Bapts. 1813-1880

Transcripts in the Diocesan Registry begin 1561.

Register No. 1 is a paper book measuring 16 in by $5\frac{1}{4}$ in. in a parchment wrapper which once formed part of a mediaeval service book, it has been rebound in morocco leather in modern times.

The first page is blank, on the second are a few entries relating to Church expenses, the third page is headed:—"St. Andrewe in Caunterburye. The booke of Christenings and Burials maid..... (*hiatus*) of Our lorde god A° 1538." On the same page are entered 8 baptisms, 3 marriages and 5 burials, but the succeeding folios are blank, on the 12th folio are mixed entries of the year 1564. Although the book is a paper one, the entries are transcriptions from an earlier book made by William Swift who became rector in 1592. The transcriber began to copy the entries in the old book, beginning 1538, but after filling one page he seems to have decided to begin in 1564.

Register No. 2 is inscribed: "The Register Booke for the Parish of St. Andrew for the entring of all Marriages, Births, and Burials according to the late Act of parliament to begin to bee in force the 30th day of September in the yeare of our Lord 1653." "The 21st day of September 1653 Peter Johnson of the parish of St. Andrew in the city of Canterbury was elected and chosen by the parishioners of the same, parish Register and aproved so to bee and sworne there-unto by me, John Lade.

On p. 11 is the following note:—"The names of the last year 1660 wee put into the old parish booke."

The 12th leaf is blank, and the 13th is headed thus:—"The names of children borne in the parish of St. Andrew the Apostle in the city of Canterbury as followeth—"

On a Fly leaf of Register No. 6 is an inventory of Church goods made in 1824 as follows:—"2 Books of Homilies, 1 very old chest for parish records, 1 Silver Communion Chalice, 1 Silver plate for bread, 1 silver Antique plate given to the parish by John Whetenhall, Mayor, 1615, 2 plated flagons, 2 pewter plates, 1 Chest for the Communion plate, 1 Chest for records."

The Registers are kept at the Church of St. Margaret.

B.

- 1. *Churchwardens' Accounts*, Two Vols., (1) A paper book in its original binding of stamped leather containing Churchwardens' Accounts from 1485 to 1625*
(2) A paper book beginning 1626.
- 2. *Overseers' Accounts*. Three Volumes (1) 1626-1647, (2) 1678-1717, (3) 1773-1859.

*Transcribed by Dr. Charles Cotton and printed in *Archaeologia Cantiana* Vol. xxxii. *et seq.*

6. *Vestry Minutes.* Three Vols. (1) Minute book of the Trustees appointed for pulling down the old Church 1763.
 (2) *Vestry Minutes 1773-1827.*
 (3) *Vestry Minutes 1871.*

7. *Inventory of Church Goods.* One taken 17 April 1866.

8. *Terrier of Church lands,* Copy given into the Abp's. Court. n.d. *Deeds, etc.*, Copy of the Will of Barbara Cadell of Canterbury, dated 5 June, 1706, bequeathing one fourth part of an estate in the parish of Stodmarsh to the Minister of St. Andrew's and his successors on condition that the said minister for the time being shall every year upon Good Friday, "prepare ye sacrament of ye Lord's Supper, read Divine Service, preach a sermon, and then deliver ye Sacrament."

Extract from the Will of John Willcocks of Wadhurst—proved 4 June 1662; and three indentures on parchment dated respectively 7 Nov. 1692, 31 Oct. 1705, 17 Dec. 1705, all relating to the aforesaid lands in the parish of Stodmarsh. A bundle of letters and papers relating to the sale of land, the demolition of the Church of St. Mary Bredman, and the closing of St. Andrew's Church.

Copy of Conveyance of Site for St. Mildred's School, Rev. J. H. James to Archdeacon Croft.

Faculties. Two, (1) for closing the Church 19 July 1882.
 (2) Relating to sale of land 1882.

The above are kept at the Rectory House of St. Margaret's parish and in two tin boxes at St. Andrew's Parish Room (the old Church).

CANTERBURY, St. Dunstan's.

A.	1. Mixed	1559-1661	8. Mars.	1837-1896
	2. "	1649-1743	9. "	1896 (duplicates)
	3. "	1743-1772	10. "	
	4. Bapts. & Burs.	1743-1812	11. Bapts.	1813-1846
	5. Mars.	1754-1789	12. "	1847
	6. "	1789-1813	13. Burs.	1813-1854
	7. "	1813-1837	14. "	1854-

Transcripts in the Diocesan Registry begin 1560.

Gaps: No burials between 1641-1651. In the volume of Church-wardens' Accounts (see below) there is an entry relating to the payment of 8d. in 1546 for a New Book for "Christynyng and burying," this book may have continued in use till Elizabeth ascended the throne, when a new Register book was obtained and was begun in the year 1559. This continued in use till 1598, when its contents were copied into the present parchment book.

In Register No. 1 between the burial entries of February 9th, 1620 and June 10th 1621, is a copy of part of the Will of Herring of Deal dated May 18th 1592. Other memoranda follow.

In 1660 is a note of a child, the first to be baptized after the Font had been "Anabaptistically abused". In the entries of marriage there is a reference to the ordinance passed by the Long Parliament Jan. 3 1645, Marriages, solemnized by a Minister of the Word, according to the Directory are distinguished by the words *novo modo*, Marriages solemnized in the old way, *i.e.* by the Book of Common Prayer, are distinguished by the words *vetere modo*. Of Civil marriages according to the Act of the Little Parliament, the Registers make no mention.

In Register No. 4 on the inside of the first cover are memoranda relating to the succession of Parish Clerks, and the population of the parish. On the inside of the other cover is a plan of the land in the parish of Eastry purchased by the Governors of Queen Anne's Bounty for the Augmentation of the Vicarage of St. Dunstan's, Sept. 23rd, 1803.

The Registers down to the year 1800 have been transcribed, indexed and printed by the late J. Meadows Cowper (Canterbury, Cross and Jackman, 1887). Mr. Cowper has supplied the gaps in the Baptismal entries before 1574, and those in the Burial entries between April 27th, 1622 and December 5th, 1641 from the Transcripts in the Diocesan Registry.

Registers kept at the Church.

- B. 1. *Churchwardens' Accounts*, 5 Vols. 1485-1580. (These have been transcribed by the late J. Meadows Cowper, who edited their contents for the Journal of the Kent Archaeological Society, see *Archaeologia Cantiana* Vols. xv. pp. 209-312 xvii. 77-139). Also 1 Vol. 1777-1821.
- 2. *Overseers' Accounts*, 6 Vols., 18th Century Notices of removals 1700-1799. Rate Books 110 Vols. 19th Cent.
- 3. *Waywardens' Accounts*, 8 Vols., 18th cent.
- 6. *Vestry Minute Books*, 2. (1) 1764-1821, (2) 1819-1824.
- 9. *Maps and Plans*.
 - (1) Map and description of the parts of the Beverley Farm lying in the parish of St. Dunstan 1706.
 - (2) Plan of Church yard 1850.
 - (3) Plan of Church yard, made during the incumbency of the Rev. Francis Holland 1853-1860.
 - (4) A modern map of Canterbury hanging in the Vestry.
- 10. *Deeds*.
 - (1) Conveyance of land in Plumsted, Robt. Payne of St. Dunstan's Cant. to Nicholas Boughton of Woolwich 1518.
 - (2) Depositions taken 22 Sept. 1552 before Sir Jas. Hales, concerning the will of John Daffes who left money to the Vicar and Churchwardens for an obit in his memory and for reparation of the Church.
 - (3) A Scrap-Book in which are mounted a number of documents of the 16th and 17th cents. and two leaves of an illuminated mediaeval service-book.
 - (4) Eastry glebe, appointment and bargain of sale 23 Sept. 1803.
 - (5) Three leases dated respectively 1773, 1818, 1831.

(6) Feoffment of a messuage, Vicar and Churchwardens to Benjamin Chittenden 20 Aug. 1835.
 (7) Feoffment of a messuage, Vicar and Churchwardens to Jane Mills, 19 June 1839.
 (8) Copy of the Will of Anne Bunce, widow, 1855.
 The Records in Class B are kept in the Vestry of the Church.

CANTERBURY, St. George.

A.	1. Mixed 1538-1658	6. Bapts. 1813-1877
	2. " 1668-1738	7. Mars. 1813-1877
	3. " 1738-1799	8. Burs. 1813-1864
	4. Bapts. 1800-1812	9. Mars. 1837-
	5. Mars. 1754-1812	10. Bapts. 1877-

Gaps: No Marriages 1655-1657, 1659-60, No Burials 1650-1660, both inclusive.

No. 1 is a parchment book, the entries from 1538 to 1599 being transcripts from an earlier register.

The Registers were transcribed, indexed and printed by the late J. M. Cowper in 1891.

Transcripts in the Diocesan Registry begin 1564.

The Registers are kept at the Church.

B. 5. *Brief Book* 1812-1823.
 6. *Vestry Minute Books*, 2 Vols. (1) 1855-1869. (2) Minute relating to the enlargement of the Church in 1867.
 7. *Inventories of Church Goods*. A folio book, containing an inventory made 1892.
 9. *Maps*, etc., Ground Plan of the Church, n.d. Plan of the School, n.d.
 10. *Deeds*, etc., Articles of agreement between John Head, Rector and Christopher Pack M.D. with reference to building a stable.

Conveyance of the site and premises of St. George's school 1853.

Conveyance of piece of land to the Minister and Wardens for the purposes of a School 1861.

Conveyance of Old Rectory House and Garden.

Copy of Valuation of the Parish, n.d. (ancient).

Certificate of the Redemption of Land Tax 1807.

Various Papers and Letters.

Tithe Books, 5 vols. 1770, 1793, 1807, 1813, 1858.

Class B kept at the Rectory.

CANTERBURY, St. Gregory.

A.	1. Bapts. 1852-1891	7. Mars. 1912-
	2. " 1892-1913	8. " 1912-
	3. " 1913-	9. Burs. 1852-1863
	4. Mars. 1852-1891	10. " 1863-1870
	5. " 1891-1907	11. " 1870-1878
	6. " 1907-1912	12. " 1879-1912

B. 6. *Vestry Minute Book*, one vol. 1833 to present time.

Maps. (1) Of Site of the Church and a proposed new road of approach to it from the military road, 1874.

(2) Of Site of Church, Churchyard and surrounding roads, 1876.

A small 4to. book containing minutes of Ruri-decanal Chapters
Circa 1847.

A similar book containing minutes of the Building Committee for the New Church 1849.

CANTERBURY, Holy Cross.

A.	1. Mixed	1563-1690	8. Bapts.	1813-1880
	2. ,,	1690-1757	9. Burs.	1813-1868
	3. ,,	1758-1791	10. Mars.	1813-1837
	4. Mars.	1754-1799	11. ,,	1837-1896
	5. Bapts.	1792-1808	12. ,,	1896-1905
	6. ,,	1809-1812	13. ,,	1905-
	7. Mars.	1800-1812	14. Bapts.	1890-

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1566.

At the end of Register 1. is a list of parishioners who contributed to a collection to redeem captive in the hands of the Turks, dated March 1670. Simon Lowth, Vicar, heads the list with 5d. none of his flock gave more than 2d.

On a fly leaf at the beginning of Register 3 is the following entry : "Omitted and supplied from the Clerk's memorandum book, William son of Edward and Mary Tench Nov. 26, 1758, J. Tucker, Curate." This was afterwards entered at the end of the volume by J. Gostling, Vicar, together with the following :—" Thomas son of William Slaughter and Susanna his wife May 1st 1777. This omitted in the parish Register, is taken a faithful copy from the Clark's book July 24, 1799 inserted here, J. Gostling, Vicar."

In Register 5, the following note (with others) is inscribed on a fly leaf at the beginning : " George McCleich aged 29, and Thomas Dume-lane aged 26 were condemned for a robbery on the highway between here and Sturry on Saturday April 18th or 25th at the City sessions were at 8 in the morning May 26th 1802 publickly executed at the Westgate of the city, buried in the same grave about 5 in the evening.

In Register 6 are some notes of the population of the parish in 1811, and 1851; in the former year the inhabitants numbered 765, in the latter 1,078.

Extracts. In the earlier entries the surnames are often omitted, e.g. 1563 " Toppaz ye wyf of Adrian buried ye 10 of March."

1572. " Thomas a myllar buried ye 2 of November."
" Thomas a prisoner buried ye 9 of November."
1586. " Old nourse at Amant Colfe buried ye 9 of July."
1582. " Mr. Willm Spilman ye vicar of ye parish buried ye 26 of Sept."
1598. " Paul Turner mynister buried ye 18 of April."
1603. " Gervase Bassocke foot post of Sandwich dyed of ye plague, buried ye 25 of October."
1603. " Laurence Barker, fether bed dryver buried ye 2 of February."
1701. Richard the son of John Sheefe, Gole keeper of the Bishop's (*Archbishop's*) Gole was buried May 26.
1703. John Busher who was executed buried May 6.
James Rycraft a condemned prisoner was buried Jan. 1.

From a note in Register 9 we learn that the Churchyard was closed for burials in 1855, and that two burials by special permission have been allowed since that date.

Registers kept at the Church. Nos. 1 and 8 require rebinding.

B. 1. *Churchwardens' Accounts*, 1 Vol. 1698-1738.
 2. *Overseers Accounts*, 1 Vol., 1642-1760. These and the Churchwardens' Accounts have been noticed by the late J. M. Cowper in *Our Parish Books and what they tell us*, Canterbury 1885.
 6. *Vestry Minutes*, 5 Vols., 1824 to present time.

Miscellaneous. A book inscribed "Certificates" containing an index of names with dates,—probably an Overseers' book relating to "settlements." Westgate Sunday School accounts 1819-1842. At the beginning is a copy of the will of Robert Deane, 1809.

Class B kept in the Church.

CANTERBURY, St. Margaret's.

A.	1. Mixed 1653-1723	7. Burs. 1813-1849
	2. " 1723-1790	8. Bapts. 1849-1877
	3. Bapts. 1790-1821	9. Mars. 1837-
	4. Mars. 1754-1812	10. Bapts. 1877-1908
	5. Bapts. 1813-1849	11. Bapts. 1908-
	6. Mars. 1813-1837	

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1563.

Between 1644-1660 the baptisms are below the average, the entries being made by "William Loveless, minister." [William Lovelace was rector of St. Mary Bredin until 1674, when he became rector of St. Margaret's.]

In the latter part of the 17th and first half of the 18th centuries St. Margaret's was a favourite Church for Marriages, owing, probably, to the fact that when licences were issued this Church (in which the Consistory Court was held) was generally named in the licence as an alternative place for the celebration of the marriage, if the parties did not wish to be married in their parish church.

On the last leaf of Register No. 1 is the following note: "A copy of a certificate concerning the birth of a child taken upon oath before two justices of the peace. We underwritten doe attest that in the year of our Lord 1719 the Honourable Mrs. Arundell lawful wife of the Honourable Henry Arundell eldest son of the Right Honourable the Lord Arundell of Warder was delivered of a son on the 11th of November in the parish of St. Margaret's in Canterbury, who was called Raymond and Thomas, witness our hands and names present at the birth of the aforesaid child, Marie J'Amar, Mary Hanson, Mary Lander. Wee the Minister and Churchwardens of the parish.....doe affirm that the Honourable Mrs. Arundell wife of the Honourable Henry Arundell was inhabiting within ye parish of St. Margaret's at the time in this certificate mentioned, and we doe verily believe that what is above certified concerning the birth of a son from her body to be true. Tho. Johnson, minister, Tho. Fowler, Tho. Denn, Churchwardens.

Registers kept in the Church. Nos. 1 to 5 require repair.

B. 1. *Churchwardens' Accounts*, 3 Vols. 1723-1898, contains also minutes of Vestry Meetings.

2. *Overseers' Accounts* :—Rate Books 1774-1881.

7. *Inventories of Church goods* 1877, with a supplementary list made in 1887.

9. *Maps and Plans*. Plans of the Church n.d.

Deeds, etc. Bargain and Sale of piece of land adjoining the churchyard, 17 June 1824.

11. *Faculties*. (1) To pull down the east end of the Church in order to widen the street, 1771.

(2) To erect an Organ 1829.

(3) For repairing the Church 1850.

(4) Constituting the Church of St. Margaret as the parish Church of the united parishes of S.S. Andrew and Margaret.

13. *Parochial Charities*. Declaration of Trust 26 Jan. 1821 concerning a sum of £53 12s. 3d. Consols.

Miscellaneous, Two Books containing accounts of Tithes and Easter Offerings.

Papers relating to the restoration of the Church.

List of Rectors from 25th Edward III.

The Records in Class B are kept in the Vestry of St. Margaret's Church; in St. Andrew's parish room (formerly the Church of St. Andrew) and at the Rectory house*

In the Rectory house are also the following printed books Erasmus's Paraphrase Vol. I. 1548, Foxe's Book of Martyrs, black letter, (incomplete), Folio Bible printed by Baskett 1717.

*Certain papers are stored in a tin-box kept in the Church tower, amongst them are bundles of marriage licences, sundry Acts of Parliament Will IV. and Victoria, Articles issued at archidiaconal visitations 1815, and 1824, and a large number of papers, between the years 1663-1707, of parochial interest which should be examined carefully and arranged.

CANTERBURY, St. Martin.

A.	1. Mixed 1662-1792	6. Burs. 1813-1885
	2. Mars. 1754-1812	7. Bapts. 1897
	3. Bapts. 1792-1812	8. Mars. 1838
	4. , 1813-1897	9. Burs. 1885
	5. Mars. 1813-1835	

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1577.

There is no record of the loss of the earlier Registers. Hasted notes that in his day (c 1790) the Registers of St. Martin's parish did not antedate 1662.

At the Rectory House amongst the Records of Class B is a 4to paper book containing entries of "Out burials" from 1802-1850.

B. 1. *Churchwardens' Accounts.* 1 Volume 1818-1839 contains also *Vestry Minutes*, and an account of the perambulation of the bounds of the parish April 30, 1818.

6. *Vestry Minute Books.* 4 Vols. (1) 1788-1807, (2) 1825-1840, (3) 1841-1851, (4) 1870-1882.

8. *Terriers.* One dated 1833.

10. *Deeds, etc.* Lease of land in Broad Street, Rector and Churchwardens to Vicar and Churchwardens of St. Mary, Northgate parish for burial ground 1700.
Alteration of apportionment of T.R.C. in favour of Mildred Marquise de la Bedoyère 1884.
Extracts from the Registers of the Consistory Court relating to the union of Canterbury parishes 1681.

13. *Parish Charities.* A folio book, containing extracts from the Wills of the following benefactors, Ricd. Birkenhed, Will Manwearing, Geo. Smith, John Addkinson, Ann Smith, Dan. Decaufour.
Addkinson's Charity a parcel of deeds and other papers relating to premises in Longport and Love Lane.

Miscellaneous. 4 Vols. relating to tithe in the parishes of St. Martin and St. Paul, 1780-1807.

1 Vol. Memoranda relating to tithe, pensions, augmentations, rights, fees, etc., belonging to the Rectory of St. Martin and the Vicarage of St. Paul, 1808.

1 Vol. folio inscribed "An account of the tithes of St. George for this present year 1698-1699. On a Fly leaf is the following note "John Corke Rector of St. Georges' Dec. 11, 1704 I bought a yew tree and set it in the Churchyard."

Counsels opinion in a case relating to House-tithe in the City of Canterbury 1830.

1 Vol. containing list of subscribers for building an Infant School 1846.

A petition of the parishioners to the Archbishop for more regular services 1829.

Class B kept at St. Martin's Rectory House in Bridge Street.

CANTERBURY, St. Mary Bredin.

A. 1. Mixed 1633-1699(Bapts.) 7. Bapts. 1813-1857
 2. " 1695-1801 8. Burs. 1813-1870
 3. Mars. 1755-1801 9. Bapts. 1857-1912
 4. " 1801-1812 10. Mars. 1836-1898
 5. Burs. 1808-1812 11. " 1898-
 6. Mars. 1813-1836

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1564.

An earlier Register than No. 1, was apparently extant when Hasted wrote his History of Kent for he says that in the registers "which begin in 1552," are many entries relating to the families of Berry, Man, Spencer, Denne, Hougham, and Lee. (Vol. xi. p. 239 note). The return, however, of 1813 gives the date of the earliest Register as 1633.

The earlier entries (1564–1636) were transcribed from the duplicates in the Diocesan Registry by the late Dr. Sheppard, and this transcription is now preserved in the parish chest.

In Register 2 there is the following note: "The new burial ground in gravel lane purchased of Mr. Richard Hervé Giraud, was consecrated by the Bishop of (blank) 1807."

Also another made by J. Sanger Davies Vicar, in 1888. "N.B. from 1790 to 1804 inclusive the entries are to be divided, owing to a large number of entries being written in the Registers of St. Margaret's by the pluralist vicar of both Churches."

[Gilman Wale, rector of St. Margaret's and sequestrator of St. Mary Bredin.]

Between 1644–1660 the entries are normal with the exception of Marriages which at this period exceed greatly the average number, William Lovelace curate signs throughout the troublous times. The place of residence of the parties is not stated.

- B. 1. *Churchwardens' Accounts*, 6 Vols., 1768–1877.
- 7. *Inventories*. 1. A folio book containing an inventory of books, Plate, Furniture and other Church goods, made Oct., 1912.
- 9. *Maps or Plans*. A plan of the Churchyard is inserted in the inventory book mentioned above.
- 10. *Deeds*, etc. Two, dated 1807 both relating to the conveyance of land in Brick Lane (otherwise Gravel Lane) to the Churchwardens for a parish burial ground.
- 11. *Faculties*. One, dated 2nd May 1867 to take down and rebuild the parish church.

CANTERBURY, St. Mary Bredman.

A.	1. Mixed 1558–1743	5. Mars. 1813–1837
	2. „ 1744–1812	6. Burs. 1813–1855
	3. Mars. 1754–1800	7. Mars. 1837–1887
	4. Bapts. 1813–1887	

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1563.

Gaps: No Baptisms 1649, 1654, 1657, 1659. No Marriages 1645–1652, 1655–1661. No burials after 1855. No Baptisms or Marriages after 1887, at which date the church was pulled down.

Register No. 1. Is a parchment book, provided in accordance with the "Book of Canons set forth in ye xxxixth year of her Majesties raigne anno Dni 1597."

In the year 1634 the names of the Godparents of children baptized are entered, but only for this year.

In the first half of the 17th century (to 1644) Marriage entries are very numerous averaging between 60 and 70 a year; In 1644 there are only 4, and none during the next nine years.

The Church possessing no burial ground of its own, the parishioners (when not buried in the Church) were interred in the Churchyard of St. Mary of the Castle e.g. "1558–xxviith day of November was buried Roger Fowler in St. Mary Castle Churchyard in the olde Churchyard beside his wife."

The Registers are kept in a fire proof safe in the Vestry of the Church of St. Margaret, and are in good condition.

B. 1. *Churchwardens' Accounts*, 2 vols., (1) A paper book in a parchment cover containing accounts from 1628–1703. (2) 1837–1887.

2. *Overseers' Accounts*, 1 Vol., 1649–1728.

6. *Vestry Minute Books*, 1 Vol., 1847–1889.

7. *Inventories*. One of Church goods made 1824.

10. *Deeds*. Memorandum of Agreement, dated 14 May 1877 between Rev. S. R. Lepard, rector, and Alfred Sabine relative to the site of the old Rectory house in White Horse lane.

11. *Faculties*. One dated 13 April 1838, for pulling down the rectory house "the said house being much out of repair, situate in one of the narrowest streets of the City and surrounded by paupers' dwellings."

The Records in Class B are kept partly at St. Margaret's Rectory House, and partly at St. Andrew's parish room.

CANTERBURY, St. Mary Magdalene.

A.	1. Mixed 1634–1714	6. Bapts. 1813–1868
	2. " 1714–1732	7. Mars. 1813–1837
	3. " 1732–1794	8. Burs. 1813–1855
	4. Bapts. 1795–1812	9. Mars. 1838–1866
	5. Mars. 1754–1813	

Gaps:—No Marriages 1642–1645, nor 1648–1652, No burials, for the years 1648, 1650, 1651, 1658. The burial entries between 1797 and 1811 have apparently been torn out of Register 4.

The Registers to the year 1800 have been transcribed, printed and indexed by the late J. Meadows Cowper, (Canterbury Cross and Jackman. 1890).

On the inside of the cover of Register No. 1 is the following note (amongst others) "Dec., the 6 1687 then the lion was baited to death in the White Hart yard by doggs."

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1559.

Registers kept at St. George's Church.

B. 6. *Vestry Minute Books*, 1 Vol. 1758–1814.

[St. Mary Magdalene's Church was pulled down (with the exception of the tower) in 1871; its columns and arches of transitional Norman work were used for enlarging St. George's Church by the addition of a North aisle, its Norman font was sold; and its memorial brasses stolen, though their matrices are preserved in the Church of St. George.]

Class B kept at the Rectory House of St. George the Martyr.

CANTERBURY, St. Mary, Northgate.*

A.	1. Mixed 1640-1729	8. Burs. 1840-1880
	2. , 1719-1774	9. Bapts. 1834-1856
	3. Mars. 1754-1793	10. , 1856-1887
	4. Bapts. & Burs. 1778-1812	11. Mars. 1791-1812
	5. Mars. 1813-1837	12. , 1837-1852
	6. Bapts. 1813-1834	13. , 1852-1873
	7. Burs. 1813-1840	14. , 1873-1887

Transcripts in the Diocesan Registry begin 1563.

On the 4th folio of Register No. 1 is the following inscription: "Sept., the 21st 1653 the parishioners of Northgate in the city of Canterbury did elect and choose Thomas Wilkes to be the Register of the said parish for the Registering of the birthes and marriages and burials according to the Act of Parliament of the 24th of August last past, who was approved of and sworne before John Lade one of the Justices of the peace of the said city according to the said Act December ye 10th 1653, John Lade."

*The Church is closed and the Registers, etc., are kept in the Vestry of St. Gregory's Church.

B.

- 1. *Churchwardens' Accounts*, 2 Vols., (1) 1662-1716, (contains Briefs). (2) 1717-1763 contains also vestry Minutes 1725-1764.
- 2. *Overseers' Accounts*,
 - (1) Rate Book and Charity Accounts 1763-1805.
 - (2) Rate Book and Charity Accounts 1809-1832.
 - (3) Rate Book and Charity Accounts 1830-1912.
 - (4) Rate Book and Charity Accounts 1858-1867.
- 6. *Vestry Minute Books*, 3 Vols., (1) 1766-1809. (2) 1810-1832. (3) 1832-1902. The earlier books contain memoranda relating to Parish Charities, including extracts from Wills —e.g. of Richard Birkenhead 1650, and Rich Mascall 1702.
- 9. *Maps*, etc. Map showing alterations proposed to the Burial ground in the Military Road, n.d. Plan of proposed new fittings in the Church, c. 1866.
- 10. *Deeds*. One relating to purchase of additional Burying Ground, 1849.
- 11. *Faculties*. Three. (1) for making new entrance to Church, removing Reading desk, Pulpit, etc. (2) To pull down the Church. (3) To alter the Church for use as Parish room, 1912.

CANTERBURY, St. Mildred.

A 21. Vols. beginning 1558.

No. 1 is a parchment volume, the entries from 1558 to 1598 being transcripts from an earlier register made by John Hill in the latter year.

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1569.

Gaps:—No baptisms, or marriages for 1599, 1600, 1611-1613, or burials Oct. 1 1598-April 8 1601, 1611-1613, and 1653-1662.

The cause of these omissions is to some extent explained by the following presentment made in the Archdeacon's court in 1608 :—" Our minister and we do not record every Sunday the names of such as have been married, Christened and buried in the week before, but we say further that it is only our minister's fault whose aid notwithstanding we ask, we cannot have thereon." [Vol. 72 fo. 23 in the Cathedral Library.] In 1870 the Rev. J. S. Sidebotham, rector of the parish recovered a number of the omitted names from the Diocesan Registry and copied them into the earliest register book. *See* note at the beginning of that book.

The plague was very virulent in this parish in 1564, the burials in that year numbering 102 instead of an average of about 20.

Extract " Isaack Walton and Rachel Floudd were maryed the 27th day of December Ao 1626."

Register 2 has a list of Rectors of the parish from 1779-1818—on a fly leaf at the beginning.

Registers kept at the Church.

- B. 1. *Churchwardens' Accounts*, 2 vols., (a) 1652-1727, (b) 1738-1824 (Both volumes rebound 1873).
- 2. *Overseers' Accounts*, 2 Vols., (a) 1700-1711, (b) 1747-1824. Church Rate Book 1830-45.
- 6. Vestry Minutes, 1 vol., 1825-1870, Earlier Minutes are to be found in the Churchwardens' books.
- 9. *Maps*, etc. Plan of the Castle Alehouse and other tenements, 1747.
- Plan of part of the Parish, including the Castle and its precincts 1820.
- 10. *Deeds*. Several but all later than 1850—chiefly relating to the National Schools.
- 11. *Faculties*. Three recent. (1) Memorial Window, 1897. (2) New Porch 1900, (3) Morning Chapel and memorial window 1905.

Class B kept at the Church.

CANTERBURY, St. Peter's.

- A. 1. Mixed 1560-1657 4. Mixed 1752-1793
- 2. " 1653-1682 5. " 1794-1812
- 3. " 1682-1756

No return relating to more recent Register books.

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1563.

In 1626 the following " presentsments " were made in the Archdeacon's Court. " We have a Parchment Book for the registering of all Christening's, wedding's, and burials, but it is not in the chest as it ought to be, neither have the Church-wardens it to give a copy to the ordinary as they ought to do. Also :— We have a parchment book for registering of all Christening's, wedding's and burials, but the minister caused the said book to be taken out of the chest pretending to register in it yet refused so to do; and by violence our minister did carry away the said parchment book out of the church to his house, so that it is not in the Church as it ought to be, neither have the Church-wardens custody thereof. (Vol. 90. fo. 100.)

In 1641 the number of marriages increased greatly, and this increase was maintained during the next four years; from 1645-1650 no marriages are entered, and only one in 1651. Rufus Rogers, Vicar made the entries up to the time of his death which occurred in 1651. In 1653 John Berry, "victualer" was appointed Registrar. Between 1653-1660 the contracts for marriage average eight a year, these were published sometimes in the Church, and sometimes in the Common Market "Called the Bull Stake."

The Registers from 1560-1800 have been transcribed, printed and indexed by the late J. Meadows Cowper, (Canterbury, Cross and Jackman 1887).

Registers kept in the Church.

B. No return relating to documents in this Class.

CANTERBURY, St. Paul's.

A.	1. Mixed	1562-1673	7. Bapts.	1813-1844
	2. "	1673-1722	8. Bapts.	1844-
	3. "	1722-1786	9. Mars.	1813-1837
	4. Mars.	1754-1791	10. Bur.	1813-1879
	5. Mars.	1791-1812	11. Mars.	1837-1880
	6. Bapts.	1786-1813	12. Mars.	1880-

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1568.

Gaps: 1644-1660 Baptisms much below average. No burials 1650-1651, only one in 1652. Between 1644-1652 the Register book passed through several hands, it was recovered by William Jordan the Vicar in 1652, and kept by him until 1679.

The Registers down to the year 1800 have been transcribed, printed and indexed by the late J. M. Cowper (Canterbury Cross and Jackman 1893). In his introduction to the Registers Mr. Cowper gives a list of Churchwardens between the years 1572-1813, and of Vicars 1372-1882. Of the latter William Jordan was Vicar from 1626 to 1681, and his successor Owen Evans from 1681 to 1743, the two men covering a period of 117 years.

No. 1. Register is a parchment book, the entries between 1562-1598 being transcripts from an earlier book provided in 1562, as the outcome of a presentation made in that year in the Archdeacon's Court that "they lack a Register Book." [Vol. 5 *Archdeacon's Books*.]

Extracts: "165⁵ The Right Hon'ble ye lady Wotton dying at ye Pallace in the parish of St. Paul's was buried at Bawton Mallard." (Boughton Malherbe) "1661. Feb. 5 Mr. Claybrook St. Leger (alias Sellenger) a young gentleman dying at the Lady Woottons Pallace was buried in the parish Church of St. Paul's in the City of Canterbury."

1699. Dec. 21. George Lee a Mumper" (*a mendicant*).
 1699. June 17. Ye Lady Mary Rooke of St. Laurence in this parish.
 " 1701. May 29. Capt. Tho. Rooke, gent."
 " 1702. June 24. Ye Lady Rooke Junr.
 " 1708. Jan. 28. Sir George Rooke, Bart."
 " 1739. Nov. 28. George Rooke Esq. the last of the males of the family of Rooke of St. Laurence in this parish."

Banns Books, 3 vols. (1) 1823-1842. (2) 1843-1867. (3) 1883-1900.

B. 1. *Churchwardens' Accounts*. 1 vol. 1818-1839.
 2. *Overseers' Accounts*. 1 vol. 1843-1867.
 6. *Vestry Minute books*. 4 vols. (1) 1788-1807. (2) 1825-1840. (3) 1841-1851. (4) 1870-1882.
 8. *Terriers*, one of St. Paul's Vicarage 1791.
 9. *Maps and Plans*. Drawing of the Church made in 1759, and another with ground plan showing proposed alterations and additions made respectively in 1847 and 1854.
 Tithe Map in the custody of Messrs. Cooper and Wacher, Canterbury.
 10. *Deeds*. Mortgage dated 13 April 1889, Rev. L. E. Goodwin, Vicar, to the Governors of Q.A.B. for loan of £296.

[See also under St. Martin's Canterbury. The records belonging to St. Paul's and St. Martin's parishes are kept at the Rectory house in Bridge Street, in the same boxes and so are not readily distinguishable.]

CANTERBURY (Hackington), St. Stephen's.

A. 1. Mixed	1567-1736	7. Bapts.	1813-1867.
2.	1736-1791	8. Bapts.	1867-1910.
3. Mars.	1756-1817	9. Burs.	1886-
4. Bapts.	1792-1812	10. Bapts.	1910-
5. Mars.	1813-1836	11. Mars.	1837-
6. Burs.	1813-1886		

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1560.

Gaps: No marriages 1645 to 1647 (both inclusive) nor from 1653 to 1663 (both inclusive).

The following note in Reg. No. 1 is of interest:—

" It appears by the old Church book fol. 22, to be a custom of this parish for a man and his wife to pay two pence a piece to the Minister for their offering at Communion, and for every single person to pay two pence for their offering at such time also "..... " and for a man and his wife to give a penny and for every single person to give a penny towards bringing wine for the Communion."

For extracts from the Register of this parish see Appendix.

Registers kept in the Church. All are in good condition.

B. 1. *Churchwarden's Accounts*, 1 Vol. 1588-1666. At the beginning is a copy of the will of Sir Roger Manwood.
 2. *Overseer's Accounts*. 3 Vols. 1667-1696.
 6. *Vestry Minute books*, 1 Vol. 1842.
 7. *Inventories of Church goods*. Two, dated respectively, 1750 and 1772, (These are written at the end of the book labelled "Divers remarkable things" etc. see below).
 8. *Terrier of Church lands*, one, 1833.
 10. *Deeds*, etc., Copy of the Will of Christian Wallop 1592.
 Lease of Langton Lodge 1733.
 Lease, Rev. J. Bunce to W. Deeds 1778.
 Record of a suit. Trustees of Manwood's Hospital v. the tenant of Cotmanton Farm, Shoulden, 1690.
 A bundle labelled ' Hackington papers.'

Lease of Lady Manwood's charity lands to Bigge Cadman 1706., and another to Tho. Fuller 1737.

Conveyance by Will Deedes and another, to Rev. James Hamilton of an annuity of 40s. issuing out of charity lands in the parish of Hackington 1830.

Release, Rev. John Bunce to Will Deeds as above 1778.

13. *Records of Parochial Charities*, 3 Vols., (1) Accounts of Sir Roger Manwood's Hospital from 1593-1795.

(2) _____ 1796-1860.

(3) Accounts of the 'Charitable gift' of Lady Francis Manwood, from 1638.

Miscellaneous. A folio paper book bound in leather inscribed "Divers remarkable things collected and composed for the public use and designed for the benefit of this parish of Hackington, alias St. Stephens by R(ichard) C(rooke) A.D.1691," and containing the following information:—

Extracts relating to the parish taken from Lambard, Kilbourne, Philipott, Godwin, Camden, Foxe, Weaver, Dugdale, Somner, and More's History of Tunstall.

Memoranda relating to houses and lands in the parish.

Monumental inscriptions in the Church and Churchyard.

Copy of the appropriation of the Parsonage, and of part of the Will of Sir Roger Manwood.

"Things to be read at the time of electing Churchwardens; and to the parishioners at Mid-summer and Michaelmas."

Bounds of the parish in 1737, 1756, 1760.

"The names and deeds of those who have been Benefactors to this parish of Hackington publickly to be read to the parishioners the week before Christmas."

"The names of those who have been Vicars, Clerks, and officers of this parish church of Hackington since the Reformation."

At the end of the book are two Inventories of Church goods, dated respectively 1750, 1772.

A volume of 'Precedents' (said to be in the handwriting of Sir Roger Manwood).

An account book relating to Tithe on Wood land 1735-1800. 3 Tithe Books 1758-1872.

The parish also possesses a black letter copy of the Second book of Homilies printed for Richard Whitaker, London, in 1640.

Class B kept at the Church.

CAPEL LE FERNE, St. Mary.

A.	1. Mixed 1592-1709	5. Mars. 1813-1834.
	2. , 1709-1812	6. Mars. 1838-
	3. Bapts. 1813-	7. Burs. 1813-
	4. Mars. 1757-1812	

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1563.

Gaps: No entries 1650-1657.

B. *Churchwardens' Accounts*, from 1811.

Vestry Minute Books from 1811.

The Tithe Map is in the Custody of the Churchwarden.

CHALLOCK, SS. Cosmus and Damian.

A.	1. Mixed 1558-1704	6. Mars 1813-1837
	2. , 1705-1783	7. Bapts. 1813-1867
	3. Burials in woollen 1678-1778	8. , 1867-
	4. Mars. 1754-1812	9. Mars. 1837-
	5. Bapts. and Burs. 1783-1837	10. Burs. 1813-

No. 1 is a parchment book, the entries from 1558 to 1598 being transcripts from an earlier Register.

Gaps: no entries 1657-1663.

The Registers are kept at the Vicarage, and are in good condition, Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1564.

B. 1. *Churchwardens' Accounts*, 2 Vols., (1) 1739-1801. (2) 1832 to present day.
2. *Overseers' Accounts*, 1 Vol. 1763-1798.
6. *Vestry Minute Books*, a few leaves 1813. 1 Vol. 1832 to present day.
9. *Maps*, etc. Tithe Map in the Custody of the Vicar.
13. *Records of Parochial Charities*. Documents relating to the Pested Charity.

Records in Class B are kept at the Vicarage.

CHARING, SS. Peter and Paul.

A.	1. Mixed	1590-1598	7. Mars.	1813-1837
	2.	" 1590-1686	8. Mars.	1837 -
	3.	" 1698-1812	9. Bapts.	1834-1883
	4. Mars.	1754-1812	10. Burs.	1853-
	5. Bapts.	1813-1834	11. Bapts.	1883-
	6. Burs.	1813-1853	12. Burs.	in woollen, affidavit book. 1698-1801

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1565.

Gaps:—No entries 1686–1698.

No. 1 is a paper book, in its original binding of stamped leather. The Church was burnt in 1590, and the earlier Register book was doubtless destroyed at that time. The Churchwardens then provided the present volume but since they had to provide a vellum book in 1598 it was in use for only nine years as a register and was then used as an account book by the Churchwardens.

No. 2 is the vellum book acquired in 1598. The entries from 1590 to 1598 were transcribed and signed by Robert Ely who held the benefice for upwards of 48 years, and was buried in the Church 23rd May 1644.

A note in this volume states that on 6th Aug. 1654 "the inhabitants of ye Parish.....made choice of Arthur Sayer to be their parish registrar."

The Registers are kept in the Church, in the statutable iron box except Nos. 1 and 12 which are in the oak chest in the northern transept.

B. 1. *Churchwardens' Accounts*. 5 Vols.,
 (1) 1590-1672. (See above Register No. 1)
 This volume contains many particulars relating to the rebuilding of the Church after the fire of 1590. In 1633 a new font was provided:—“Paid to the Free Mason for the newe fonte iiiijl.”
 “Items paid for fetching it from the Quarrye x^d.
 “Item to the Carpenter for stiffe and workmanship about ye Font iis, iiijd.”

(2) 1672-1724. (3) 1761-1793. (4) 1793-1829. (5) 1829-1837.

2. *Overseers' Accounts*. About 23 vols. from 1725 to 1848. There are also a number of Rate books etc. of later date, many bundles of Overseer's bills, and of indentures of apprentices.

3. *Waywarden's Accounts* 3 Vols. (1) 1793-1817 (2) 1817-1827. (3) 1827-1837.

4. *Brief book*. 1705-1740, contains also a few Briefs 1804-1807.

5. *Vestry Minute books*, 9 Vols. from 1701-1835. Several relate to the proceedings of the “Select Vestry,” and others to Vestries called for voting relief to the Poor.

7 and 8. *Inventories and Terriers*:—On the inside Cover of the Churchwardens' Account book 1672-1724 is a list of “Goods belonging to ye Vicarage house of Charing 1698.”

9. *Maps*. Tithe Map, in the Custody of the Vicar.

10. *Deeds*. (1) Indenture of lease dated 6 May 1648 of the Manor and Rectory of Walton on Thames from Francis Drake and others to William Downhall of Coltingham, Northants, for 31 years.
 (2) Indenture of an agreement dated.....1731 by which the overseers of the parish of Lenham, undertake to receive into their Workhouse the Poor of the parish of Charing. *Miscellaneous*, Vicar's Tithe books 2 Vols. (1) 1693-1697. (2) 1698-1741.
 These volumes contain many interesting particulars relating to the way in which the tithe was collected previous to the Commutation Act.
 e.g. “1694, Recd. from Captain Wheeler 4 bushels of apples (1 of sp. pippins and 3 of Greenings in full of his tithes to Lady day next, he told my maid he had crossed me out of his Muster Roll.”
 Several volumes of account books of recent date relating to Church alms.

The records in Class B are kept in two large locked oak-chests in the Church.

CHARLTON IN DOVER, St. Peter.

A.	1. Mixed 1690-1782	12. Mars. 1837-1853
	2. „ 1793-1812	13. „ 1853-1866
	3. Mars. 1813-1842	14. „ 1866-1882
	4. Bapts. 1813-1842	15. „ 1882-1894
	5. „ 1843-1859	16. „ 1894-

6. Bapts.	1859-1865	17. Burs.	1813-1847
7. "	1865-1872	18. "	1847-1869
8. "	1872-1879	19. "	1869-
9. "	1879-1892	20. "	1872-1883 } Burs.
10. "	1892-	21. "	1883-1894 } in Cemetery
11. Mars.	1813-1837	22. "	1894-

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1564.

No. 1 has suffered much from damp and is in a very frail condition.
No. 3 in this volume pp. 13, 14 are missing.

During the Commonwealth period the parish was annexed to St. James's, Dover, against the strong protest of the inhabitants.

The Marriage Register has been printed and published in Phillimore's Parish Register series, a printed copy is preserved in the Parish Chest.

A transcript of the Registers—incorporating the transcripts in the Diocesan Registry, was compiled in the year 1893, this was done with great care, every page being certified by the Rector and Churchwarden. It is preserved with the original Registers.

Under the date 1636 are several entries of burials of persons who died of plague. The disease carried off the Rector, his wife, son, and two daughters.

Registers kept in Fireproof safe in the Church Vestry.

B.

- 1. *Churchwardens' Accounts*. From 1844.
- 2. *Overseers' Accounts*. Rate Books 1746-1764.
- 6. *Vestry Minute Books*, 2 Vols. (a) 1829-1866. (b) 1866.
- 7. *Inventory and Terrier*, One made in 1896, a copy is in the Diocesan Registry.
- 9. *Maps*. Tithe Map, etc.

Records in Class B are kept in an iron box in the Church Vestry.

CHART, GREAT, St. Mary.

A.	1. Mixed	1558-1657	8. Mars.	1813-1836
	2. "	1678-1752	9. Bapts.	1847-1878
	3. "	1653-1754	10. "	1879-
	4. Mars.	1754-1770	11. Burs.	1870-
	5. "	1770-1812	12. Banns.	1875-
	6. Bapts.	1813-1847	13. Mars.	1837-
	7. Burs.	1813-1870	14. "	1837-
	15. The woollen Book	1678		

Transcripts in the Diocesan Registry begin 1560.

The following gaps occur : Burials 1562-1565, 1644, 1645, 1647-1649. Marriages 1644-1650, 1651, 1653.

Some of the entries between 1644-1660 (which do not reach the usual average) have been made by the minister, some by a later hand and a few by the Parish Registrar.

Extracts.

1612. Dec. 28. "Christopher Reynolds of Wy (slayne in a fearful tempest happening in our church in the forenoon of the 27th day of this month, all the congregation being gathered together and the minister in his sermon) buried.

1646. "Hanna Stern baptized—daughter of John Stern, minister
 " and sequestrator of Great Chart by authoritye of the Houble
 " and Famous parliament was borne the 2nd of Aprill."

1654. "The fourth day of April William Smale of Great Chart in this
 " county, gent, was chosen register for and concerning
 " marriages, births and burials within the said parish by the
 " inhabitants thereof and was sworn register of the said parish
 " the 5th day of March in the same year 1654 by Henry
 " Honeywood, Esq., one of the Justices of the Peace for the
 " said County."

15. In the woollen book there is a record, under date 1679, of a fine of 50/- paid for a burial not in woollen. In the same book are some records of births, marriages and burials and lists of children born in the parish of Great Chart and only in a few cases (three) the word "baptized" is added.

Registers kept in the Church.

B. 1. *Churchwardens, Account Books*: 3 Vols. (a) 1698, (b) 1828,
 (c) 1846.

2. *Overseers' Account Books*: 2 Vols. (a) 1784-1804, (b) 1850-
 1867 and 4 Poor rate books 1835-1868.

3. *Waywardens' Account Books*: 4 Vols. 1780-1820; 1820-
 1857; 1845-1854; 1848-1861.

4. *Briefs*: There are many entries of briefs in the registers
 amongst others to the Vaudois £2 2s. 5d.; for the persecuted
 French Protestants £5 16s. 0d. and £1 18s. 3d.; for the Irish
 Protestants £7 0s. 2d. and ditto £5 1s. 2d.

7. *Inventories of Church Goods*, one of 3rd Edw. VI.

9. *Maps*: There is a plan of church lands, and Tithe map
 in custody of the Rector.

10. *Deeds*: In the mixed Register No. 1, there are copies of 6
 deeds dated 1669 having reference to bequests and gifts to
 the church.

Class B kept at the Church.

CHART, LITTLE, St. Mary.

A.	1. Mixed	1538—1562	7. Mars.	1812—1836
	2. "	1563—1599	8. Bapts.	1809—1812
	3. "	1563—1719	9. "	1812—1912
	4. Bapts.		10. "	1912
		& Burs. 1715—1809	11. Burs.	1812
	5. Mars.	1716—1755	12. Mars. (2)	1839
	6. Mars. &		13. Banns	1873
		Banns 1754—1811		

Transcripts in the Diocesan Registry begin 1563.

The entries are continuous from 1563, the only gap being, burials
 1809—1812.

No. 1 contains the original entries on paper from 1538—1562.

No. 2 original entries on paper from 1563—1599.

No. 3 the same entries copied from 1563 to 1599 on parchment.

The entries between 1644—1660 reach the usual average, there is no evidence from the register by whom they were made.

The Registers which have been transcribed and printed by the Rev. C. H. Wilkie, are kept in an iron safe at the Church.

B. 1. *Churchwardens' Accounts*.
 Fragments (8 leaves only), 1568—1578.
 2. *Overseers' Account*, 2 Vols. 1735—1778, 1819—1837.

There is a tithe Map and Apportionment in the custody of the Rector. All in Class B, except the Churchwardens Accounts and Vestry Book in use, which are in the custody of the Churchwardens, are kept in the Register safe.

CHART SUTTON, St. Michael.

A. 1. Mixed 1558—1773 6. Burs. 1813—1885
 2. Mars. 1758—1812 7. Mars. 1838
 3. Bapts. 8. Bapts. 1862—1911
 & Burs. 1774—1812 9. Burs. 1885
 4. Bapts. 1813—1861 10. Bapts. 1913
 5. Mars. 1813—1836

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1634.

No. 1 is a parchment book 13½ in. by 6 in., with an inscription stating it was copied in the year 1598: There are no Marriages 1642—8; 1653—1656. The periods from 1599 to 1618; 1626—46; and 1647—62; are copies from another Register.

The 3 March 1653 the Rev. John Care was appointed Registrar.

The Registers in use are kept in the Church, the others at the Vicarage.

B. 1. *Churchwardens' Accounts*, 1634 to 1914, except for the years 1742—64 which are missing.
 6. *Vestry Minute Books* :—3 Vols. from 1821.
 8. *Terriers of church lands*, one (no date given).
 9. *Tithe Map*, in the custody of the Vicar.
 13. *Parochial Charities*, Papers relating to Bredin's Charity.
 Class B kept at the Vicarage.

CHARTHAM, St. Mary.

A. 1. Mixed 1558—1740 10. Burs. 1813—1859
 2. Burs. 1678—1772 11. Bapts. 1841—1862
 3. Mixed 1740—1797 12. Burs. 1859—1895
 4. Burs. 1786—1802 13. Bapts. 1862—1880
 5. Mars. 1754—1812 14. „ 1880—1896
 6. Mixed 1797—1813 15. Burs. 1895—1899
 7. „ 1803—1822 16. Bapts. 1896
 8. Bapts. 1813—1841 17. Mars. 1837—1900
 9. Mars. 1813—1837 18. „ 1900

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1565.

No. 1 is a transcript on parchment. The Parliamentary Return for 1813 says "in a very imperfect and mutilated state." There appears to be a gap between 1638—1646.

No. 2 is the Register of burials in Woollen.

The Registers are kept in a fireproof safe at the Rectory.

B. 6. *Vestry Minute Books*, 1824 to present time.
 8. *Terrier*, dated 1615.
 9. *Tithe Map* in the Rector's custody.
 10. *Deeds*: Title Deeds of 20 perches of Land annexed to Glebe in 1820; also deeds relating to the sale of land known as the "Parish Clerk's piece."

The Records in Class B are kept in a Safe in the Church.

CHILHAM, St. Mary.

A.	1. Mixed 1558—1676	8. Bapts. 1836—1881
	2. " 1653—1735	9. Mars. 1837—1895
	3. " 1737—1790	10. Burs. 1854—1886
	4. Mars. 1754—1812	11. Bapts. 1881
	5. Bapts. 1791—1835	12. Burs. 1886
	6. Burs. 1791—1853	13. Mars. 1895—1903
	7. Mars. 1813—1837	14. " 1904

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1563.

There appears to be a gap between 1735—1737.

The Registers which are all in good condition are kept in a fire proof safe at the Church.

B. 1. *Churchwardens' Accounts*, 1 Vol. 1827—1835.
 2. *Overseers' Accounts*, 8 Vols., from 1731 to 1864.
 3. *Waywardens' Accounts*, 1 Vol., 1774.
 6. *Vestry Minute Books*, 7 Vols., 1749 to present time.
 9. *Tithe Map*, kept in Vestry of the Church.
 13. *Parish Charities*, Records of Dudley and Epps Charities.

Class B kept in a room over the south porch, and in an iron box in the vestry of the Church.

CHILLENDEN, All Saints.

A.	1. Mixed 1559—1755	5. Mars. 1815—1836
	2. " 1755—1812	6. Bapts. 1813—1912
	3. Mars. 1757—1829	7. Mars. 1837—1912
	4. Burs. 1768—1807	8. Burs. 1813—1912

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1562.

All the above vols. are written in paper books.

The Register of Baptisms appear to have been torn out between 1632—1726.

Entries between 1644—1660 were made by "John Freeman Minister."

In the Baptismal Register after the entry "John sonne of Edward Boys, bapt. 1607," is the following note, "Afterwards Sir John Boys, a celebrated Royalist and the intrepid defender of Donington Castle."

The Registers are in fair condition and are kept in an iron safe in Rectory.

B. 1. *Churchwardens' and Overseers' Accounts*, 3 Vols., 1693—1800, and 1798—1807, and one *Burial Book*, 1768—1807 probably kept by the Parish Clerk.
 6. *Vestry Minutes* are to be found in the *Church Account Book* and date from Dec. 4th, 1869.
 9. *Tithe Map* and Apportionment in the custody of the Rector. Class B kept in an iron box at the Rectory.

CHISLET, St. Mary.

A.	1. Mixed	1538—1563	8. Bapts.	1813—1860
	2. ..	1562—1647	9. Mars.	1813—1837
	3. ..	1653—1765	10. Burs.	1813—1899
	4. ..	1765—1801	11. Mars.	1837—1909
	5. Mars.	1754—1788	12. Bapts.	1860—1892
	6. ..	1788—1812	13. Mars.	1909
	7. Bapts. & Burs.	1801—1812	14. Bapts.	1892
			15. Burs.	1899

Gaps:—No Burials 1647—53; 1765—74.

No Marriages 1646—53; 1659—62; 1662—67; 1667—1707; 1707—53.

Transcripts in the Diocesan Registers begin 1561.

No. 1 is the original paper Register, retaining one half of its original vellum cover:—the other half, and with it a few of the last leaves, having disappeared. It now comprises 41 leaves and fragment of leaves, 37 of which are 8½ in. by 6 in., two of them mutilated, and there is evidence that several leaves have been cut out. To these have been added some nine or ten leaves of paper of a larger size, about 11 in. by 7½ in., of inferior quality, which have suffered more than the earlier portion of the book. This the first Register of Chislet contains the Baptisms from 4 October, 1538 to 18 March, 1562 or 1561 the year of the last entry being uncertain; the Burials from October 1538 ending with fragments of entries in 1561; the Marriages from 3 October 1538 to 1563, the later marriages being re-entered in the next vellum book. This Register has recently been re-bound.

No. 2. A parchment book, bound in vellum, of 56 leaves 13½ in. by 9½ in. Some of the original leaves have been cut out, but not necessarily interfering with the continuity of the register. Although headed—“A register of the names of such as have been baptised in the parish church of Chislett from the sixth day of April 1562 as followeth, untill the xiith of November 1598,” the volume contains Baptisms from (April 19?) 1562 to 12 July 1647 or 1648, the year of the last two entries being uncertain, and in addition on one of the pages, the birth and Baptism of eleven children in the years 1647—1656 inclusive. Up to the year 1598 each page is signed at the foot by Robert Hemming, the vicar, and William Knowler and Thomas Henshaw, the churchwardens.

In 1654 “Peter Randall the p'sh clerke of Chislett was chosen Register of Maryages, byrths, and buryalls, accordeinge to an Act of Parliamt to that purpose, by us the Minister and p'shyoners, whose names are hereunto subscribed: Mych. Huffan, Minister; Edward

Rose, Tho. Everden, Jarvise Rose, Henry Rose, Thomas Harwood; Ambrose Knowler, Thomas Ewell, Churchwardens."

"According to the choice made above, I doe approve of and have sworn Peter Randall, Register of marriages, births and burials for the p'ish of Cheistelet, in witness whereof I set my hand Dec. 26, 1654 Tho. Foche."

The Registers from 1538-1707, were printed by Robert Hovenden in 1887.

Registers kept in a safe and oak-chest in the church.

B.

1. *Churchwardens' Accounts*, 2 Vols. 1704-1876.
2. *Overseers' Accounts*, 7 Vols., 1624-1824 (with some gaps).
3. *Waywardens' Accounts*, 3 Vols. 1767-1838 (except 1800-17).
5. *Briefs*. A few are entered in one of the Registers.
6. *Vestry Minute Books*: 2 Vols., 1771 to present day.
9. *Tithe Map* in the custody of the Vicar.
10. *Deeds*. There is a box of Deeds abstracts of which are printed in "*Chislet its' Monuments, Vicars, etc.*, by F. Haslewood, 1887.
12. *Acts of Consecration*: Two (1) Additional burial ground 1872.
(2) Marshside Mission Church 1879.
13. *Parochial Charities*. Poors' Farm accounts 1735-1819.
Charity School account 1787-1856.

In addition to the above the late Rev. F. Haslewood prints several documents which appear to be no longer in the custody of the Vicar or Wardens.

Class B kept at the Vicarage.

COLDRED, St. Pancras.

A.

1. Mixed	1560-1792	4. Burs.	1813
2. Bapts.	1793-1812	5. Bapts.	1813
3. Mars.	1814-1836	6. Mars.	1839

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1563.

B.

Overseers' Accounts	1 Vol. 1719-1791.
Tithe Map.	

Records of Class B are kept in a safe in the Vestry.

CRANBROOK, St. Dunstan.

A.

1. Mixed	1559-1662	13. Mars.	1813-1837
2. ..	1653-1698	14. ..	1837-1857
3. ..	1698-1738	15. ..	1857-1887
4. ..	1738-1770	16. ..	1887
5. Bapts.	1770-1812	17. Burs.	1736-1758
6. ..	1813-1833	18. ..	1758-1786
7. ..	1834-1862	19. ..	1787-1812
8. ..	1863-1881	20. ..	1813-1839
9. ..	1882	21. ..	1840-1862
10. Mars.	1754-1790	22. ..	1863-1886
11. ..	1790-1808	23. ..	1886
12. ..	1808-1812		

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1560.

No. 1 is a parchment book measuring 17 in. by 11*1* in. On the first leaf is the following inscription: "This Register is divided into three books in the which are contained the names of such persons which have been either Baptized, Married or Buried within the parish of Cranbrooke from yeare to yeare, and from tyme to tyme whch Register was begune to be keapt in the moneth of August, Anno Domini 1559. They were first written in a booke of Paper appointed for that purpose, and so continued the yeare above written unto the first day of Decemb Anno Domini 1598, at which tyme all that was written before untill then were taken oute of the sayd booke of Paper and placed into this Booke of Parchment by Commandement from Authoretie for the better continuance of the same unto Posteritie.

The Pastor or Minister of this parish of Cranbrook was William Eddy in artibd Magister of the Universities of Cambridge, and borne in the cittie of Bristoll who wroat or coppied owte this Register to the end that it might be more faithfully done wth his owne hand.

The Churchwardens at the same tyme of the sayd parish of Cranbrook were James Kinge, senior Churchw yt yeare and Mr. Alexander Brickenden, æterna expeto qd Eddy."

[A memoir of the Rev. William Eddy vicar of Cranbrook, 1591-1616 was published by the Rev. Canon W. Bell, Vicar of the parish, in 1902.]

On the *verso* within a border illuminated in colours is a Rose crowned, between the letters E.R.; at the top of the page is a verse from St. Matthew's Gospel (St. Matthew xxix. 14); and at the foot a quotation from St. Cyprian *De infantibus baptizandis*—this forms the frontispiece to the Baptismal Register. Each page down to the year 1598 is ruled in colours and signed at the foot by the Vicar and Wardens.

Under the year 1574 is the following note: "Heare during the rest of the yeare 74 and the whole yeare 75, the old Register was either neg(lected) or badlie dealte withall by him that had the keepinge of it, for during that tyme we cannot finde who were Baptysed only these two followinge excepted."

"From 1642 to 1653 the entries nearly reach the average, but between 1653 and 1662 there is a great decrease. In the earlier period they were made by John Williams, presbyterian Minister, and in the later by John Butcher the Parish Registrar. There is also a list of Children born in the Parish who yet were not baptized between 1643 and 1667—51 names in all.

On an illuminated frontispiece to the marriage Register are certain verses from Holy Scripture and a quotation from St. Augustine's works. The Burial Register has a similar frontispiece.

In 1581 18 deaths are ascribed to "the plague."

In 1597 there was further outbreak of which Vicar Eddy made the following notes in the Register:

1. "First it is to be observed that before this infection did begin that God about a year or two before took away by death many honest and good men and women.

2. Secondly, that the judgement of God for sin was much before threatened, and especially for that vice of drunkenness which did abound here.

3. Thirdly, that this infection was in all quarters at that time of this parish except Hartley quarter.

4. Fourthly, that the same began in the house of one Brightlinge out of which much thieving was committed, and that it ended in the house of one Henry Grymcocke who was a pot companion and his wife noted for much incontinency which both died excommunicated.

5. Fifthly, that the infection was got almost into all the inns and victualling houses of the town places then of great disorder, so that God did seem to punish that himself which others did neglect and not regard.

6. Together with this infection there was a great dearth at the same time which was cause also of much heaviness and sorrow.

7. This was most grievous unto me of all than this judgment of God did not draw the people unto repentance the more, but that many by it seemed to be more hardened in their sin."

Also the following note under date March 1597. "also this year others of the plague who were buryed neere to theire several dwellings because they could get none to carry them unto the Church... the certaine day of their buriall we could not learne."

The Burial Register notes that between April 1597 and April 1598 no less than 190 persons died of the plague in the parish of Cranbrook.

Register 2. On the first page is a magistrate's certificate that John Butcher was chosen to be Registrar on 17th Sept. 1653. From this date to 1662 births are entered instead of baptisms. The maiden name of the mother is sometimes given, e.g. "Mary Charlton, daughter of Josias Charlton of Upper Willsley, gent., and of Mary Medler born 16th Jan., 1657. 'Occupations' are always given, many relate to the cloth trade which flourished in the Weald of Kent at this time, e.g. Clothier, Broadweaver, Threadman, Dyer, Cordwayner. Some leaves of this Register are loose.

Register 3. Within the cover of this Register is the following Memorandum: "His Grace William Archbishop of Canterbury did at the request of John Johnson, Vicar of Cranbrook, administer confirmation at this place to above thirteen hundred persons of which one third at least were of this parish, on Sunday June 24th, being St. John Baptist's day Ano Dni' 1716. There had been no confirmation here in 28 years before, that is since the fatal year 1688, when the Most Reverend Abp. Sancroft of pious memory being discharged from his custody in the Tower upon a trial in the King's Bench sent Bp. Lewis (of Man) to perform the order of Confirmation thr'out the diocese, as did Bp. Lloyd of Norwich) some years before. The same Archbishop of his own free motion again administered confirmation here on Sunday, June 24th 1724 to about thirteen hundred persons, as his Chaplain who attended him told me, yet one of his Grace's Livery men who said he numbered them all affirmed to me that there were but twelve hundred."

On the *verso* of the first fly leaf are notes by Vicar John Johnson on his predecessors in the benefice, beginning with Richard Wilson, 1503, and ending with Charles Buck in 1668. There is also a list of Dissenters buried—some of them in the "Quakers' burying place" in the years 1719, 1721–1724 in the handwriting of John Johnson.

Extract from the baptismal register:—1718 Aug. 17 "John Mun aged 23 or 24 years baptized by immersion."

[For the purpose of reconciling Anabaptists to the Church Johnson caused a sort of baptistry to be erected against the south wall of the Church, which still remains. This structure, which must have been extremely inconvenient, is approached by a door opening from a chamber over the Porch. There is a tradition in the parish that it was used only on one occasion—possibly that noted above. For an account of John Johnson see D.N.B.]

Register 4. On a fly leaf at the beginning is the following note : " Sept. 18th, 1761, this day a handsome pewter bason was sent to the Vicar by James Lamb Esq., of Rye to be used when the office of Publick Baptism is performed at the Font.

In this Register illegitimate children are entered as " Spurious."

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1560.

The Registers are kept in a fire proof safe at the Vicarage. With the exception noted above, all are in good condition, and an Index of their contents is being compiled by the present Vicar.

B. 1. *Churchwardens' Accounts*. A paper book in an ancient cover of stamped leather (well repaired in modern times).

Folios 1-3 contain " an Inventory of all jewells of the Church of Cranbroke," made 13 April 1509.

Folio 3 *verso* a copy of the Will of John Solle, mason, 1608.

Folios 4-6 Memoranda of gifts made to the Church, and a list of contributors to the work of " making ye middle Ile " 13th Hen. viii. Folio 7 Memoranda relating to the Church bells. Then Churchwardens' Accounts from 1558 to 1693. (For extracts see Appendix).

2. *Overseers' Accounts*, 2 Vols., (a) 1701-1736, (b) 1738-1746.

5. *Briefs*. Many Briefs are entered in the Churchwardens' Book mentioned above. These were printed in *Archaeologia Cantiana* Vol. xiv. pp. 206-222.

6. *Vestry Minute Books*, 2 Vols., (a) 1706-1787, (b) 1781-1836.

The following Pamphlets by the late William Tarbutt contain many interesting records : (1) The annals of Cranbrook Church. (2) Its Ministers. (3) Its Monuments.

Class B are kept at the Vicarage.

CROYDON, St. John the Baptist.

A.	1. Mixed	1538-1618	26. Mars.	1848-1853
	2. "	1618-1679	27. Burs.	1852-1905*
	3. "	1653-1695	28. Mars.	1853-1857
	4. "	1653-1666	29. Bapts.	1857-1870
	5. "	1682-1688	30. Mars.	1857-1862
	5a. "	1684-1689	31. "	1862-1865
	6. "	1695-1706	[day Book or Private Register].	
	7. "	1706-1742	32. Mars.	1865-1869
	8. "	1742-1765	33. "	1869-1873
	9. Mars.	1754-1780	34. Bapts.	1870-1877
	10. Bapts.	& Burs. 1765-1800		35. Mars. 1873-1875
	11. Mars.	1781-1508	36. "	1876-1878
			37. Bapts.	1877-1884

12. Bapts. & Burs.	1801-1812	38. Mars.	1878-1881
13. Mars.	1808-1812	39. ,,	1881-1883
14. Bapts.	1813-1821	40. ,,	1883-1886
15. Burs.	1813-1826	41. Bapts.	1884-1890
16. Mars.	1813-1827	42. Mars.	1886-1890
17. Bapts.	1821-1828	43. ,,	1890-1895
18. Burs.	1826-1840	44. Bapts.	1890-1896
19. Mars.	1827-1837	45. Mars.	1895-1900
20. Bapts.	1829-1838	46. Bapts.	1896-1903
21. Mars.	1837-1843	47. Mars.	1800-1906
22. Bapts.	1838-1847	48. Bapts.	1903-1910
23. Burs.	1840-1852	49. Mars.	1906-1912
24. Mars.	1843-1848	50. Bapts.	1910
25. Bapts.	1847-1857	51. Mars.	1912

*[Churchyard closed 31 July 1861; in use for Burials by Licence from Secretary of State.]

There are also two "Clerks Books" containing Baptisms, Marriages and Burials under separate headings (1) 1781-1790, (2) 1791-1805.

[N.B.—There are, in the Library of Mr. W. Bruce Bannerman, F.S.A. of Croydon, two original Clerk's Books containing entries (often giving much fuller details than the official Registers) relating to Baptisms and Burials for the years 1765-1796, and 1796-1834.

The earlier Book contains the following note. "This Book I bought for my own private use and contains all Christenings and Burials since the death of Mr. John Piddock who was clerk of this Parish 57 years, beginning from June the 19th, 1765 the Rev. Mr. East Apthorp, vicar, Joseph Hart Clerk 1765" "Thomas Levens his (book) bought of the survivor of Joseph Hart and remains his for his private use since the death of the above the Rev. Dr. East Apthorp, Vicar, Thomas Levens, Clerk, 1779."

These Books were purchased by Mr. Bruce Bannerman of the Executors of Ebenezer Whittaker, Parish Clerk of St. John the Baptist Croydon, who died in 1903.]

Register 1. is the original "Paper Book." It measures 12½ in. by 8½ in. and is in good condition having been rebound in 1770 at the expense of Isaac Heard, Lancaster Herald.

The entries are in Latin until 1559.

Amongst the Baptisms under date 29 Aug. 1591 is the following note "The same day my L of Cant. L of Lond, and of Roch did consecrate D Babington B of Landaff and the consecration was in ye Church."

Also the following memoranda "7 Mar. 1595 Licence to Clemence Kinge to eate flesh" "(in Lent)" "12 Mar. rec. iiijd for Licence to Amye West to eate Fleshe xvii Feb. by Samuel Fynche, Vicar of Croydon. 1607, Dec. "The greatest Frost began ye ixth day of this month ended on Candlemas Eves Eve."

Register 2. The paper of this Register is very thin and spongy—some of the edges are frayed and perishing, and some corners torn away. The entries from 1640-1653 are very indifferently made.

On a fly leaf are memoranda relating to the consecration of the following Bishops: Richard Montague, Chichester 22 Aug. 1628; Dr. Maw, Bath and Wells, and Dr. Curle, Rochester, 5 Sept., 1628, Dr. Owen St. Asaph 20 Sept. 1629, Dr. Piers (Bath and Wells), Oct. 1632, Acton Windever Sillitoe, Westminster British Columbia, All Saints' Day, 1879.

Register 4. Written on the fly leaf:—" This Register Booke of vellum according to the late Act of Parliament was bought the 22nd of September Ano Dom 1653 for the Towne of Croydon in Surrey by Georges Hodges, and John Balls Churchwardens of the parish aforesaid, it cost 12 shillings." At the end of the Register " To ye end yt my successors of Croydon Vicaridge may not loose their gleabe land I do hereby certfyfe as I finde Dr. Bernard had before in Paper"—The description follows.

Register 5. This Register is in very bad condition, portions of the leaves having been destroyed at the bottom corners, and the edges shorn off.

Register 5a is inscribed " The Day Booke or Private Register of all Christinings, Marriages, and Buryalls yt happened in the Parish of Croydon since Mr. Hughes was made Vicar. Written on the fly leaf is a Table of Contents but many of the entries referred to in this Table—if they were ever made—are now missing. 29 " Briefs collected," " Collections for ye Poor," " Certificate for ye Evil." On p. 110 is " A List of " Clandestine Marriages," but no dates are given.

Register 6. Contains a list of Births of children not baptized according to the rite of the Church of England [37 entries] between 28 June 1696 and 19 June 1713.

Register 7. Contains a list similar to the last mentioned for the years 1722-1741 [18 entries.]

Also, Memd of the discovery of fire on 11 March 1734 in the roof of the middle chancell—damage not exceeding fifty pounds; and Memd of discovery of the fire which destroyed the Church on Saturday night Jan 5 1867 on western side of the roof of the nave near the tower. " The whole of the Register Books, and Communion Plate were saved by the writer of this short account of the disaster—cause overheating the flue. E. Whittaker, Parish Clerk."

Register 8. The date of birth is added invariably to that of baptism.

The Registers, which from 1538 to 1812 are in course of transcription for publication by Mr. W. Bruce Bannerman, F.S.A., are preserved in two fire proof safes in the Vestry and in one large safe in the basement of the Church.

B. 1. *Churchwardens' Accounts*, None prior to 1867.
2. *Overseers' Accounts*. Several Rate Books between 1772 and 1839.

Also the following: 1 Vol. Parish Certificates, 1699-1772. 1 Vol. Annuity Book, 1761-1776. 1 Vol. Alien Pauper and Bastardy Accounts, 1797-1807. 1 Vol. 'Bastardy Accounts Book' 1827-1837. 1 Vol. 'Relief of Paupers,' 1831-1835.

5a. *Preachers' Books*, 3 Vols., (1) 1778-1792, (2) 1799-1821, (3) 1821-1839. ...

Communion Offertory Books, 3 Vols., (1) 1867-1871, (2) 1871-1874, (3) 1885-1886.

Register of Services, 2 Vols., 1900-1906.

Offertory Registers, 3 Vols., 1906—onwards.

6. *Vestry Minute Books*, 3 Vols., (1) 1819–1829, (2) 1829–1837, (3) 1899 onwards.
7. *Inventory of Church Goods*, one draft Inventory 17 Oct. 1885.
9. *Maps, etc.* The Tithe Map was destroyed in the Fire of 5 Jan. 1867 but a copy is in the office of Messrs. Marshall and Liddle, Solicitors, Croydon.
10. *Charters, Deeds, etc.* All Deeds and Papers before 1867 were destroyed by the Fire which burnt down the old Church in that year.

Class B kept in a safe and boxes in the basement of the Church.

CROYDON.

St. Andrew.

New Parish, Registers begin 1857.

All Saints, Upper Norwood.

Registers begin 1830.

St. Luke, Woodside.

Registers begin 1872.

St. Mary Magdalene, Addiscombe.

Registers begin 1878.

St. John the Evangelist, Upper Norwood.

Registers begin 1875.

St. Michael.

Registers begin 1871.

St. Matthew.

Registers begin 1866.

St. Peter.

Registers begin 1851.

Shirley, St. John the Evangelist.

Registers begin 1836.

CRUNDALE, St. Mary.

A.	1. Mixed 1554–1808	4. Bapts. 1813–1913
	2. „ 1809–1812	5. Burs. 1813
	3. Mars. 1814–1838	6. Mars. 1838

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1563.

No. 1 is a transcript on vellum made 1598.

Between the years 1644–1660 the entries exceed the usual average.

At the end of Register 1 are some memoranda made by the Rev. R. Forster relating to alterations to the Rectory house in the year 1698, and Notes of parochial events and Church repairs down to the year 1725.

The Registers which are all in good condition are kept at the Rectory.

B. 1. *Churchwarden's Books*, 1 Vol. 1729—1836.
 2. *Overseer's Books*, several Vols., between 1759—1906.
 3. *Waywarden's Books*, several between 1801—1852.
 4. *Vestry Minute Books*, 1 Vol. 1826—1913.
 7. *Inventories of Church Goods*, two dated respectively 1772 and 1864.
 8. *Terriers*, Two (dates not given)
 9. *Maps*. Tithe Map (at Rectory); Map of Glebe land with drawing of old Rectory 1720.
 Old Map of the Town Barn Tithe 1773.
 10. *Deeds*, etc., One relating to Rev. H. Smith's gift of the School House and premises to the parish, (date not given). One relating to the sale of "Fitchborough" left by the Rev. R. Forster for the support of the school in 1728 and sold by the Trustees with the approval of the Ecclesiastical Commissioners in 1870.
 In a M.S. book kept at the Rectory which was commenced by the Rev. R. Forster in 1698 the following memoranda are to be found:—

Grant to Sir Thomas Cheyne of the Advowson of Crundale 1549.

Account of the Pension of 25s. per annum due from the Church of Crundale to the Prior of Leeds. (Remitted by the Ecclesiastical Commissioners in 1894.)

Some extracts from an early book of Church Wardens' Accounts relating to the repair of vestments, the rood, and the Paschal candle in the time of Philip and Mary.

Sir Thomas Kemp by deed of gift in 1583 gave to the minister and Churchwardens the trees growing outside the churchyard fence for a protection to the Church.

Copy of the Will of the Rev. R. Forster dated 1728 in which he leaves his books and portrait to his successors in the Rectory.

A declaration by Sir Edward Dering, with his Petition to the House of Commons in 1644.

Catalogue of records belonging to Crundale Rectory in the handwriting of Rev. H. Smith. (Some now missing).

Account of letting the Glebe land in 1698.

Extracts from the will of the Rev. Francis Filmer 1859.

Class B kept in a cupboard in the Rectory House. Some have suffered from damp in times past.

DAVINGTON, St. Mary Magdalene.

A. ✓ 1. Mixed 1549—1782	6. Mars. 1813—1831
✓ 2. " 1783—1807	7. Bapts. 1812
✓ 3. " 1701—1770	8. Burs. 1813
✓ 4. " 1785—1812	9. Mars. 1852—1911
✓ 5. " 1808—1813	10. " 1911

The first Register was lost for some years, but has been restored to the church. A copy was made from 1761 to 1770 by R. Halke, curate; and afterwards continued to 1812. An Index was made by the late Thomas Willement, and continued by the late Rev. C. H. Fielding.

Transcripts in the Diocesan Registry begin 1570.

Gaps:—No Baptisms 1710—37, and no Marriages 1713—37.

No. 1 is a parchment book.

The entries are mixed 1549—1602 (the Baptisms begin 1552, Marriages 1549, Burials 1565). Then follow Baptisms 1611—1710; Marriages 1627—1713; Burials 1626—1737; and Mixed 1737—82.

The following entries occur in the Baptismal Register:—" Margaret daughter of Jo. Brockwell and Ann his wife of ye parish of Preston near Faversham was in kindness and out of necessity baptised in ye parish Church of Davington, November 25th 1685."

" Sarah ye daughter of Jo. Brockwell and Anne his wife of ye parish of Preston was in kindness baptised at Davington Church January 25th. 1688."

Note—(That part of Preston known formerly as Preston without —now the ecclesiastical parish of Brents—was near Davington church.)

The first part of this Register 1549—99 is a transcript on parchment signed by Thomas Buncker, curate.

Thomas Lee, curate, was buried at Faversham in 1728. R. Harrison signs as curate, in 1745; Abr. Jos. Rudd, curate, in 1748 and 1749; Edward Thomas 1750—4; F. F. Giraud 1755—9; Robert Halke 1766—79.

There is an entry:—" N.B. This Register was pretended to be lost till December 1766, so that no account has been kept of service having been performed by different persons written under 1761—66." (During that time the entries were made in an ordinary paper book.)

Registers kept in the Church.

B. Briefs, two pages and a half, from 1675 to 1686.

2 Preachers' Books—from 1894.

Banns Book from 1850.

DEAL, St. Leonard's.

A.	1. Mixed 1559—1662	17. Bapts. 1809—1812
	2. " 1662—1679	18. Bapts. 1813—1815
	3. Bapts. 1679—1735	19. Mars. 1813—1816
	4. Mixed 1679—1711	20. Burs. 1813—1818
	5. " 1707—1744	21. Bapts. 1815—1826
	6. " 1720—1754	22. Mars. 1816—1833
	7. Bapts. & Burs 1754—1773	23. Burs. 1818—1839
	8. Mars. 1754—1774	24. Bapts. 1826—1838
	9. Mars. 1774—1793	24. Mars. 1833—1837
	10. Mars. 1793—1805	26. Burs. 1839
	11. Mars. 1805—1812	27. Bapts. 1838—1854
	12. Bapts. & Burs. 1774—1787	28. Mars. 1837—1848
*13.	Bapts. & Burs. 1774—1787	29. Bapts. 1854—1890
		30. Mars. 1848—1867
		31. Mars. 1867—1901
		32. Mars. 1901—1912
*(St. George's Chapel)		31. Mars. 1912
	14. Bapts. 1787—1812	32. Bapts. 1890
	15. Burs. 1787—1812	
	16. Bapts. & Burs. 1788—1801	

Transcripts in the Diocesan Registry begin 1564.

The entries at the time of the Commonwealth are much below the average.

There are many entries relating to seafaring men, and H.M. Ships are often mentioned.

The Registers are in good order, and, are kept in a fire-proof safe at the Rectory.

B. 1. *Churchwarden's Accounts*, 1636-1702,* this is a paper book in a parchment cover at the end are entries relating to Briefs. Also a paper book inscribed "Copys of Certificates (of settlements) 1758 Randolph Bell and William Baker, Churchwardens."

5. Brief Book, 1804-1828.

6. Vestry Minute Books, Five Vols., viz. (1) 1720-1757.

2. 1758-1807. (Contains also Churchwardens' Accounts.)

3. 1778-1861.

4. 1831-1835. (Monthly minutes.)

5. 1862.

Maps and Plans, Three.

(a) Plan of Church 1820, (b) Map of Parish 1817, (c) Map of Parish, 1844.

Deeds, 4 relating to the title to the old work-house.

Copy of the Will of Vincent Wood of Deal dated 1662.

Many bundles containing Certificates of settlement, indentures of Apprenticeship, also Rate Books, Assessments, and Vouchers of the 18th and 19th Centuries.

The above are kept in a wooden chest in the Church-gallery, and in cupboards in the Vestry. In the safe at the Rectory the following books are preserved:—9 Chapel Clerks' books, 1 Charity School book, 1 Names of Persons receiving Poor relief, 1 Relating to a Parochial Charity.

*For extracts from the Churchwardens' Accounts see Appendix.

DEAL, St. George.

A. 1. Baptisms
Marriages }
Burials } 1852.

Previously all Registers were kept in the Parish Church (St. Leonard's).

The Registers are now kept in an Iron Safe at the Vicarage.

DENTON, St. Mary Magdalene.

A. 1. Mixed 1560-1676 5. Mars. 1757-1812
2. , 1670-1735 6. Burs. 1813
3. , 1736-1812 7. Mars. 1813-1837
4. Bapts. 1813 8. Mars. 1839

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1564.

Gaps:—No Bapts. or Mars. 1649-52.

No Burs. 1652-58.

B. 1. *Churchwarden's Account.* 2 Vols., 1724-1775 and 1839-1868.
 2. *Overseas' Accounts.* 1 Vol. 1743-1775.
 5. *Briefs.* Many are to be found in Registers Nos., 1 and 3.
 6. *Vestry Minute Books.* 1 Vol. 1871.
 9. *Tithe Map?*
 11. *Faculty*, for stained glass window 1907.
 13. *Parish Charities.* Particulars relating to Dicks' Charity.

Class B kept with the Registers in the statutable iron box.

DETLING, St. Martin.

A.	1. Mixed 1558-1705	5. Burs. 1813
	2. " 1706-1790	6. Bapts. 1813-1881
	3. Bapts. & Burs 1790-1812	7. Mars. 1838
	4. Mars. 1754-1809	8. Bapts. 1881

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1571.

Gaps:—No Marriages 1809-1838.

No. 1 is a parchment book containing Baptisms from 1558; Marriages from 1566; and Burials from 1571. The earlier entries are transcripts made by John Williams who became Vicar in 1593.

No. 2 has a list of Briefs 1706 to 1716.

B. 1. *Churchwardens' Accounts.* 1699 to 1836.

All Documents kept in the Church Chest.

DODINGTON, St. John the Baptist.

A	1. Mixed 1589-1703	7. Mars. 1754-1812
	2. " 1695-1722	8. Mars. 1813-1842
	3. " 1704-1722	9. 1837 1837-1949
	4. " 1722-1812	10. Burs. 1813-1905
	5. Bapts. 1813-1879	11. " 1905
	6. " 1879	12. Mars. 1950 —

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin in 1563.

No. 1 is a parchment book 13 inches by 8½ inches, the entries from 1589 to 1598 being transcripts from an earlier register.

Births are entered instead of Baptisms during the years 1653-8. The Register contains very full entries of burials in woollen.

No. 2 is a paper book 15 inches by 6 inches, and ends in 1722, except for one entry of a vicar in 1737. At the other end is one page of burials 1695 and 1697. Also entries of burials in woollen.

No. 3 is a parchment book 10½ inches by 7½ inches. In this Register are two catalogues of a Parochial Library of 324 Volumes, and dated 1744; some of these books are still at the Vicarage.

No. 4 is a parchment book 13 inches by 8 inches 1722 to 1812, but the Marriages only to 1754. Contains a catalogue of the earlier registers made in 1812; also notes referring to benefactions, population, and a terrier of the Vicarage. At the other end are:—a list of books, vestments etc., 1751; a note as to paths, 1756; list of vestments etc., 1759.

B. 1. *Church-Rate Book.* 1767-1807. —
 2. *Overseers' Accounts.* 1785-1803; also for the "United parishes" of Dodington, Eastling, Kingsdown, Stalisfield and Newnham. ✓
 3. *Waywardens' Accounts*, 3 Vols., 1768-96, 1797-1821, 1821-36.
 6. *Vestry Minute Books*, 2 Vols., 1772-1804, 1857 to present time.
 9. *Tithe Map*, in the Custody of the Vicar.
 13. *Parish Charities*, Accounts of Dering's Charity.

Class B kept at the Vicarage.

DOVER, St. James.

A. 1. Mixed 1594-1614 12. Burs. 1813-1836
 2. , 1614-1661 13. Bapts. 1842-1873
 3. , 1645-1778 14. Mars. 1837-1850
 4. Bapts. 1768-1787 15. Burs. 1836-1902
 5. Bapts. 1787-1810 16. 1873-1909
 6. Bapts. 17. Mars. 1850-1860
 & Burs. 1811-1812 18. Bapts. 1909
 7. Mars. 1754-1759 19. Mars. 1860-1870
 8. Mars. 1759-1796 20. Mars. 1870-1882
 9. Mars. 1797-1812 21. Mars. 1882-1905
 10. Bapts. 1813-1842 22. Mars. 1905
 11. Mars. 1813-1837

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1564.

In Register No. 2, the entries for the years 1645-1664 are very scanty. This is explained by the following note:—

" From the first of August A° 1645 I find this booke wholy misused, the names that follow were supplied out of the private notes and evidences of parents and other persons present at the private baptisms; because of ye persecucion and neglect of those times wch would neither admit nor countenance the publick. And this register began to be rectifyed and defects supplyed A° Xst. 1664, Feb. 1^{mo}, by me Robt Bostocke Rector of St. James."

This refers to Christenings. There are no burials or marriages recorded for the years 1645-1664.

In Register No. 3 is a similar note by the same Robt Bostocke. On p. 17 the following note occurs:—

" Here begins the Register perfect as it was entered in the booke of Thomas Raymond Parish Clarke, by the appointment of Dr. Thomas Swadling the then Rector. This is followed by records of baptisms for 1662-1664, the whole transcript being signed by Robert Bostocke.

B. 1. *Churchwardens' Accounts*. 4 Vols. (1) 1752-1856. (2) 1858-1863. (3) 1863-1906. (4) 1906
 There are also 4 Vols. called "Chapel Accounts," which concern the old church since restoration in 1869.
 2. *Overseers' Accounts* etc., Receipts for Poor Rate 1798-1823.
 Church Rate Receipt Books 28 Vols. 1838-1854.
 Church Rate assessment books 15 Vols. 1811-1846.
 A Survey of property for Poor rate 1811.

9. *Maps or Plans.* Sketch of vaults and bricked graves 1832.
Map of lands purchased by the L. C. & D. Railway Co.
Two Tithe maps.

13. *Parochial Charities.* There are records relating to the following:—Attherden, Beane, Boothby, Bushell, Dawke, Fector, Mansfield and Phillips.

There are also two books containing much information concerning the parish and its history, *viz* :—

1. "St. James's Memoranda."
2. A Collection of Newspaper Cuttings and other scraps relating the Church compiled by a former parish clerk.

DOVER, St. Mary the Virgin.

A.	1. Mixed	1588–1622	20. Mars.	1835–1837
	2. Mixed	1623–1677	21. Bapts.	1836–1838
	3. Mixed	1678–1738	22. Bapts.	1838–1849
	4. Mixed	1738 Bapt. 1795	23. Burs.	1841–1856
		,, Mars. 1754	24. Mars.	1837–1843
		,, Burs. 1795	25. Mars.	1843–1848
	5. Mars.	1754–1761	26. Mars.	1848–1855
	6. Mars.	1761–1772	27. Mars.	1855–1861
	7. Mars.	1772–1779	28. Bapts.	1849–1868
	8. Mars.	1779–1793	29. Burs.	1856–1872
	9. Mars.	1793–1803	30. Mars.	1861–1867
10.	Mixed—Bapts.			
		& Burs. 1795–1812	31. Mars.	1867–1876
	11. Mars.	1803–1808	32. Bapts.	1868–1893
	12. Mars.	1808–1812	33. Burs.	1872–1893
	13. Bapts.	1813–1820	34. Mars.	1876–1888
	14. Burs.	1813–1828	35. Mars.	1888–1902
	15. Mars.	1813–1824	36. Bapts.	1893–to date
	16. Bapts.	1820–1827	37. Burs.	1893–to date
	17. Mars.	1824–1835	38. Mars.	1902–to date
	18. Bapts.	1827–1836		
	19. Burs.	1828–1841		Thirty-eight Volumes.

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1577.

1. On the first page is the following inscription:—This ancient Register, nearly perished from damp and decay, was leaf by leaf restored, and the renewed leaves rebound, under the care of the keeper of the manuscripts, by an Expert at the British Museum and replaced with the Parish Records, 1881.

No. 3. There are two Volumes, the original having been copied. There is also a printed copy of Baptisms, Burials and Marriages taken from the Register of the French Church at Dover. 1646–1711.

B. 1. *Churchwardens' Accounts*, these are included in the Vestry Minute Books of which there are six volumes forming a complete series from 1532 to the present time.

(For extracts from these books, and for copies of other documents see Appendix).

7. *Terriers*, A Terrier of lands, n.d.
10. *Deeds*. The parishes possess a schedule of Deeds, but no information has been given concerning them.
11. *Faculties*, Two. (a) For appropriation of part of Churchyard as a public footpath 1893. (b) For restoration of the Church Tower, 1898.
13. *Parochial Charities*. One Register Book of Charity Funds. Certain extracts from wills relating to bequests for charitable purposes are framed and hung in the Vestry.

All the Records are kept in a Fire-proof safe in the Vestry.

DOVER, St. Mary in the Castle.

A. 1. Bapts. 1813-1877 3. Mars. 1870
 2. " 1877 4. Bapts. 1858-1880
 (The last for use in the Church on the Western Heights.)
 No Parochial Records.

St. Barnabas.

New Parish, Registers begin 1902.

St. Bartholomew's.

New Parish, Registers begin 1872.

Christ Church.

New Parish, Registers begin 1844.

Holy Trinity.

New Parish, Registers begin 1854.

Garrison Chapel, Western Heights.

Registers of Baptisms only—from 1882.

St. Martin.

New Parish. Registers begin 1903.

DUNKIRK. Christ Church.

New Parish, Registers begin 1841.

DYMCHURCH. St. Peter and St. Paul.

A.	1. Mixed	1624-1755	6. Mars.	1754-1813
	2. ,,	1755-1812	7. Bapts.	1849-1896
	3. Bapts.	1812-1848	8. ,,	1896
	4. Mars.	1813-1837	9. Burs.	1884
	5. Burs.	1813-1884	10. Mars.	1837

Gaps:—No Baptisms 1655 to 10 February 1661.

No Marriages 17th August 1654 to 11th June 1661.

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1562.

No. 1 is a Parchment book. It contains a list of the Rectors from 1718 to 1860

Also, two lists of money collected for Slaves in Turkey, one undated, the other in 1680.

No. 2 has on a piece of parchment attached to the Register:—
"Memorandum that upon the 20th day of January 1683, the Sea at Dymchurch Wall was frozen about 3 miles from high water mark."
Basil Kennett, Rector.

On the other side is written:—"Collected upon the Archbishop's letter for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, in 1752 £1 8s. 6d.;" in 1755 £5 5s. was collected for the same object.

1803-1804. Account of survey of Sea Wall and repairs by Mr. Green.

1805. Note about the digging of the Military Canal and two visits of inspection by Mr. William Pitt, Chancellor of the Exchequer, Prime Minister, and Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports.

1802. An account of the wreck of the Dutch Ship *Vrede*, with loss of 472 people.

1815. August 9th, list of subscribers to the relief of the widows and orphans of soldiers who fell at Waterloo. Amount £5 7s. 6d.

1819. List of money and goods stolen from the rectory.

1821. First stone of the new North aisle of the church, laid by William Webster, rector.

Registers kept at the Church, several require repair.

B. *Tithe Map*, in the custody of Mr. L. S. Jones of Dymchurch. All other Records in Class B are said to be in the custody of the Parish Council.

EASTBRIDGE.

This parish is united with Dymchurch.

In the returns sent in 1569 to Archbishop Parker:—the church was in ruins (*desolata*) and the parishioners attended the church of Burmarsh. There were three householders and eight communicants.

—M.S. Volume in the Cathedral Library, p. 9.

Entries relating to parishioners about 1730 will be found in the Registers of Burmarsh.

EASTCHURCH, All Saints.

A.	1. Mixed 1677-1812	6. Mars. 1813-1837
	2. Bapts. 1813-1841	7. , 1837-1893
	3. , 1841-1867	8. , 1893
	4. , 1867	9. Burs. 1813-1857
	5. Mars. 1754-1812	10. , 1857

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin in 1562.

Registers kept in the Church, condition good to fair.

No. 1 is a parchment-book, and a transcription of an earlier book up to about 1729.

Some extracts from the Registers are printed in *Archeologia Cantiana*, Vol. XIV, p. 383-4.

B. 1. *Churchwardens' Accounts*. 3 Vols., (a) 1677-1730; (b) 1747-1787, (c) 1787-1883
 2. *Overseers Accounts*; 3 Vols., (a) 1713-1741; (b) 1762-1799, (c) 1814-1821.
 6. *Vestry Minute Books*, 2 Vols., 1833 to 1867; 1867 to present time.
 7. *Inventories of church goods*, 1773 and 1885.
 9. *Tithe Map*, in the Custody of the Rector.
 11. Faculty for stained glass window, 1912.
 13. *Charity Accounts* from 1854.

[The Rector possesses a copy of the license for a new site for the church granted to William Cheyne in 1430.]
 Extracts from the Parish books, with reference to the repairs of the church bells 1662 to 1840 are printed in Stahlschmidt's "Church Bells of Kent" p. 259.

Records in Class B are kept some in the Church and others at the Rectory.

EASTLING, St. Mary.

1. Mixed 1558-1794	5. Mars. 1813-1838
2. Mars. 1754-1811	6. Bapts. 1813-1873
3. Bapts. & Burs 1795-1812	7. " 1873
4. Burs. 1813	8. Mars. 1837

The Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1563.

No. 1 is a parchment book and contains Baptisms from 1559; Marriages from 1560; and Burials from 1558.

Registers kept in the Church.

B. 1. & 2. A Volume 1807-43 containing Churchwardens' and Overseers' Accounts; also the Vestry Minutes 1836-93.
 6. Vestry Minute Book 1894 to the present time.
 9. Tithe Map, in the Custody of the Rector.

EASTRY, St. Mary.

1. Mixed 1559-1746 (from 1715 to 1746 copies at no. 2.)	9. Bapts. 1832-1865
2. " 1715-1746	10. Mars. 1837-1905
3. " 1747-1812	11. Burs. 1853
4. Mars. 1754-1808	12. Bapts. 1866-1886
5. " 1808-1812	13. " 1886-1911
6. " 1813-1837	14. Mars. 1905
7. Bapts. 1813-1831	15. Bapts. 1911
8. Burs. 1813-1853	

Transcripts in Diocesan Register begin 1564.

The Registers are in good order and are kept at the Church in an iron safe.

The entries 1644–1653 at first much as usual but towards the end of the period irregular in respect of Marriages and Burials.

From 1653 to about 1660 William Kingsland formally appointed Registrar kept the record with great care.

For further particulars see Appendix.

B.

1. Vol. of Overseers' Accounts	1721–1750
,, Guardians' accounts	1818–1834.
,, Churchwardens' accounts	1806–1872.
,, Highway rate	1847–1857
,, Surveyors' book	1813–1836.
,, , , ,	1826–1836.

2. Vols., Vestry Minutes (a) 1830–1857. (b) 1857–1912

Inventory taken in 1883, with additions 1895.

Tithe Map. (?)

These books are kept at the Church in the safe.

EASTWELL, St. Mary.

A.

1. Mixed	1538–1705	5. Mars.	1838
2. Mixed	1708–1836	6. Burs.	1813
3. Mars.	1755–1812	7. Bapts.	1813
4. Mars.	1813–1833		

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1563.

Baptisms are continuous.

Marriages, there is no entry from 1642–1661.

Burials, there is no entry from 1657–1663.

No. 1 is a parchment book the entries from 1538 to 1598 being transcripts made and attested by Josias Nichols, Rector in the latter year.

Extracts No. 1. There is a list with notes of Rectors from 1551 compiled by Rector Markham, who died 1729.

On page 28 is the burial of Richard Plantagenet 1550, who is said to have been a natural son of Richard III.

Page 50. The entries of baptisms between 1654 and 1662 have besides the date of baptism—the date and hour of birth.

Page 87. "This year (1671) being charitable to the Turkish Captives, in this parish was collected toward their redemption £1 9s. 1d." There are also, extending over several pages, and in each case, with the signatures or marks of parishioners—the following 3 documents *viz* :—

- (a) The Protestation, February 23rd, 1642.
- (b) The Vow and Covenant, 1643
- (c) The Solemn League and Covenant, February 25th 1643.

No. 2. Page 2. Sundry notes about the glass in two windows, dated 1793.

Register 2, contains a *Terrier* of the Glebe, dated 1822; Notes about repairs to the Church 1822–1827. The planting of a Yew Tree, 1828; The Marriage entries from 1731–1735 and attested by magistrates and so on to 1758.

Under 1752 there is a note " New Style begins." At the end of the book there is a record of a Collection for the sufferers from the Battle of Waterloo—amounting to £32 2s. 6d., the names of contributors are given.

Registers kept at the Church.

B. A Vestry book of recent date only.
2. Tithe map and award, in the custody of the Rector.

EBONY, St. Mary.

A.	1. Mixed 1708-1804*	5. Mars. 1813-1837
	2. Mars. 1755-1812	6. Burs. 1813-1913
	3. Bapts. & Burs 1805-1812	7. Mars. 1837-1913
	4. Bapts. 1813-1913	8. Banns 1823-1913

*[No earlier Register mentioned in the Parliamentary returns of 1813 and 1833.]

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1566.

No. 1 is a Parchment Book, containing:—

Baptisms, 20 June 1708 to 17 October 1804.

Marriages, January 1708 to 12 February 1754.

Burials, 27 September 1708 to 10 October 1800.

One page at the end of this Register is cut out, and the leaves are mutilated in one or two places elsewhere.

No. 2 a Paper Book, contains also Banns to 1823.

No. 4. At the end of this Register is written:—

August 1858. The Chapel which stood in the centre of the church-yard of Ebony on the hill, was during this month pulled down in consequence of its inaccessible position, there being no path to the chapel, which was three quarters of a mile from the nearest building. The exterior was also in a state of rapid decay, the interior was most rude, the pulpit and desk being at the east window, between it and the communion rails. The building pulled down could not have been very ancient, but contained in its walls some good Caen stone well worked and evidently the remains of an original handsome building. The stone cross now at the east end of the new Chapel was found in the walls and is evidently very old. All the windows, except the vestry and west windows are the old. The foundation stone of the new Chapel was laid on the 24th of August 1858 by the vicar, the Rev. W. Kirby:—the churchwarden Mr. G. Boon, Seaman Beale, esquire, Tenterden, and Mrs. Kirby. The consecration was performed by the Archbishop of Canterbury (Sumner) on November the 18th 1858, when a large number of clergy and people assembled. His Grace preached from Psalm cxxii. v. 1. The Church was scarcely three months in building (old material used as far as practicable); cost £270 without fence, wall, or painted window (presented by E. D. Saunders, esquire). Money raised by rate, subscriptions, and £100 from the Church Building Society. May God bless the effort of his servant, undertaken for the honour of his name, and the furtherance of his Kingdom.

November 21st 1858 Wm. Walter Kirby, Incumbent; Architect:—S. Teulon, esquire, London; Builders:—Messrs. Bourne and Chambers, Woodchurch.

The Registers are kept in the Vestry of Appledore Church.

B. 1. *Churchwardens' Accounts* 1890.
 6. *Vestry Minute Book*. 1892.
 10. *Deeds*. Conveyance of the land for the site of Ebony church.
 Trust Deed of Ebony School.
 11. *Faculty* one for heating apparatus in the church.

Class B kept at Appledore Vicarage and partly at Appledore Church. The Incumbent believes that some records are in the possession of the Assistant Overseer.

[Note—The parish of Ebony is united with Appledore.

Ebony church was burnt down by lightning early in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, and the ruins patched up. The whole of the building was removed in 1858 to the present site in Reading Street, and rebuilt with a few additions. The plan of the old church may still be traced in the old burial ground, which is still in use.]

EGERTON, St. James.

A. 1. Mixed 1684-1743 7. Burs. 1813-1864
 2. Mixed 1731-1812 8. Bapts. 1839-1874
 3. Bapts. 1811-1812 9. Bapts. 1874
 4. Bapts. 1813-1839 10. Mars. 1837
 5. Mars. 1754-1812 11. Burs. 1864
 6. Mars. 1813-1837.

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1569.

The Registers to 1900 have been transcribed by the Rev. F. R. Mercer a former Vicar of the parish.

Registers kept at the Church.

B. 6. *Vestry Minute Books*. One Vol. 1866 onwards.
 8. *Terriers of Church lands*. Three (no dates given.)
 9. *Maps*. Tithe map in the custody of the Parish Council.
 11. *Faculties*. One for erection of two windows in N. aisle of church 1908.
 13. *Parochial Charities*. (1) Spears Ash Charity left by Eleanor Baker 1602.
 (2) Dorne Charity. (3) Hawk's Nest Charity.
 In 1675 the inhabitants of Egerton bought by subscription a house with 16 acres of land in the parish of Stalisfield called Hawkes Nest the rent of which is held in trust for Church purposes.
 (4) Bell-rope Charity, invested in Consols for Church purposes.

Class B kept at the Church, with the Registers.

ELHAM, St. Mary.

A. 1. Mixed 1566-1644 7. Bapts. 1813-1865
 2. „ 1644-1733 8. Mars. 1813-1837
 3. „ 1733-1779 9. Bapts. 1865-1908
 4. Mars. 1754-1812 10. Mars. 1837
 5. Bapts. 1779-1812 11. Burs. 1895
 6. Burs. 1813-1895 12. Bapts. 1908

Gaps: No entries 1577-1583.

No Baptisms 1733-1738.

The entries between 1644 and 1660 reach the usual average, and were made throughout by the Vicar of the Parish.

No. 1 is a parchment book measuring 11½ in. by 6 in. in a modern binding. On the first page is the following inscription: "The Register boke of Elham of all such marriages, christenings, and burials as maye possibllye be found out from the 25th of March Ano Dmi 1566. The wiche boke was taken and written out of all ye Regestry bokes yt could possibllye be found out by us, Richard Matthewe, Minister, and Thomas Rigden, Churchwarden, Thomas Baxley, Churchwarden, David Boughton, Nichollas Horton, Sidesmen."

At the end of the first part is the following note: "here yt appereth yt ye Churche boke was not kept from Mr. Carden ye Minister his deathe 1577 unto 1583 Richard Matthew Minister"; and, on the same page, "More Buryals 1577 Thomas Carden, Minister was Buryed ye 16th of April 1577."

Part of a leaf on which marriages were entered between the years 1639 and 1641, has been torn out.

No. 2 contains on p. 1, a list of Vicars since 1577 with,—in most cases,—date of induction.

No. 3. This Book is in a state of disorder and confusion, no care apparently having been taken to keep it in good order.

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1563.

- B. 1. *Churchwardens' Accounts*, 11 Vols., 1729–1804. Also "Sacramental Money" Account Books 1827–1871.
- 6. *Vestry Minute Books*, 2 Vols., 1821–1823, 1834 onwards.
- 7. *Inventories of Church Goods*, Two dated respectively 25th May 1813 and 3 October 1824.
- 9. *Maps, etc.* Tithe Map, and another map showing alteration caused by the Railway; also apportionment book, and "Tithe Book" 1784–1800.
- 11. *Faculties*, one for erection of new east window in the Chancel 1895.
- 13. *Records of Parish Charities*, 2 Minute Books, and 2 Account Books of Sir John William's Charity from its foundation in 1723 to present day. 1 Account Book of Dr. Warley's Bread Charity 1853.

All documents are kept in the Church except the Charity Books.

ELMLEY, St. James.

A. 1. Bapts. 1827	3. Burs. 1834
2. Mars. 1850	

The following notes are written on the back of the title page of the Burial Register:—

"It is probable that no Burial had taken place at Elmley churchyard previous to John Hodges in 1834, for nearly two centuries. Most of the parishioners were buried before the Reparation of the Chapel in 1827 at Minster. Jn. Poore."

" The interior of Elmley Chapel was re-arranged in the Month of May 1849. The large deal Pulpit was removed. The benches made shorter and placed so that the congregation faced the east. The communion table was heightened, by which alterations the present building may accommodate about 30 persons."

Wm. Jno. Brewer, Curate.

13 May 1849."

Registers kept in the Church.

B. 1. *Churchwardens' Accounts*, 1913 to present time.
 A small Account Book, 1853-57.
 6. *Vestry Minute Book*, 1909.
 9. *Tithe Map*, in the custody of the Rector.

ELMSTED, St. James.

A. 1. Mixed 1538-1812	5. Mars. 1837
2. Bapts. 1813-1859	6. Burs. 1813
3. Mars. 1813-1837	7. Bapts. 1859
4. , 1781-1813	

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin in 1563.

No. 1 is a parchment book 20 in. by 7 in. On the first page is the following inscription:—" The Booke or Register of all Christenings, Weddings and Burials which have been in Elmsted from the yeare of our L., 1538, unto this present yeare of our L., 1598, taken and coppied out of the Old Register there as follow with the first of Christenings."

On the cover there is a memorandum dated April 7th, 1753 stating that John Conant, Vicar, had obtained leave from Mr. John Lusington, lessee of the Parsonage to erect a pew in the chancel adjoining to the Reading Desk, for the use of himself and his successors, vicars of Elmsted.

On the second page is entered:—" 1689. Collected in the Parish of Elmsted towards the releaf of the Irish Protestants £1-12/-." Also Briefs for the years 1692-5.

On the last page there is a list of Vicars from 1586 to 1736. Also a note:—" A. Dni. 1742. There was a public collection of Charity for the Society for the Propogation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts."

There is a Register of Burials in Woollen, 1678 to 1779.

Registers kept at the Vicarage.

B. 1. *Churchwardens' Accounts*, 1769 to 1835.
 2. *Overseers Accounts*, 1790 to 1804.
 6. *Vestry Minute Book*, 1890 to present time.
 9. *Tithe Map*, in the custody of the Vicar.

Class B kept at the Vicarage.

ELMSTONE (Dedication unknown).

A. 1. Mixed 1551-1730	5. Burs. 1813-1912
2. , 1730-1812	6. Bapts. 1813-1912
3. Mars. 1755-1810	7. Mars. 1838-1912
4. Mars. 1815-1837	

Transcripts in the Diocesan Registry begin 1567.

Few entries occur between the years 1644–1660 they were made by "Alexander Bradley, Minister."

The first two volumes of the Registers have been transcribed, indexed and printed by the Rev. C. H. Wilkie, M.A.

A noticeable feature in these Registers is the large number of Marriages which were celebrated in this small and remote Parish during the 17th cent. The transcripts in Vol. I. down to 1598 are signed by George Joye, Minister, and Bartholomew, Churchman, Churchwarden. On the fly leaf of the 2nd Register Book is the following note:—"Easter Monday, March 24th, 1788. Last week the Rev. Thomas Hutchesson, the worthy Rector of this parish, presented the church with an handsome silver bread-plate for the use of the communion. Robert Stedman (Vicar of Preston) Minister."

Class B records are kept at the Rectory.

The Registers are in fair condition and are kept in an iron safe at the Rectory.

B. *Churchwardens' Accounts*, 3 Vols. (1) 1756 to 1813. (2) 1797 to 1874. (3) 1875 to 1912.

9. *Maps. Tithe Map* in the custody of the Rector.

11. *Faculty* for Church restoration, 1897.

Faculty for screen and painted window, 1901.

EWELL, TEMPLE, SS. Peter and Paul.

A.	1. Mixed 1581–1812	5. Bapts. 1813–1870
	2. Mars. 1755–1811	6. , 1870
	3. , 1813–1841	7. Burs. 1813–1899
	4. , 1837	8. , 1899

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1563.

Gaps: No entries 1620–1632, and 1644–1660.

No. 1 is a parchment book, the entries from 1581 to 1598 being transcripts from an earlier register.

The Registers, which are all in good condition are kept in an iron safe in the Church.

B.

- 1. *Churchwardens' Accounts*, 2 Vols., 1, 1759–1827; 2, 1827–1889.
- 2. *Overseers' Accounts*, etc., *Valuation Book*, 1843, *Poor Book*, 1790–1821.
- 6. *Vestry Minute Books*, 3 Vols., commencing respectively, 1845, 1870, 1912.
- 8. *Terriers of Church Lands*. Copies of four, dated respectively 1613, 1630, 1833, 1836.
- 9. *Maps*, etc. One of Glebe Farm, also *Tithe Map* in custody of Vicar.
- 11. *Faculties*, one for New Organ, 1911.
- 13. *Records of Charities*, Fector's, and Finche's.

Class B kept in a Safe in the Vestry.

EYTHORNE, SS. Peter and Paul.

A. 1. Mixed 1559-1693 5. Mars. 1837
 2. , 1694-1812 6. Bapts. 1813-1899
 3. Mars. 1758-1812 7. , 1899
 4. , 1813-1837 8. Burs. 1813

The Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1560.

The Registers are in good order and are kept at the Rectory in an iron safe.

Between 1644-1660 the number of entries is not quite up to the average.

For further particulars see Appendix

B. Churchwardens' Accounts, 4 Vols. (a) 1632-1667; (b) 1667-1696; (c) 1753-1848; (d) 1848.
 2. Overseers' Accounts, 2 Vols. (a) 1754-1782; (b) 1782-1808.

A large number of Briefs besides many other matters in the way of accounts are entered in a separate book 1673-1707. Other briefs are entered in the earliest Register (1662-1672). Several vols. of Vestry Minutes, etc., from 1862 onwards.

There is a modern Terrier and Inventory: also a copy of a Terrier dated Aug. 26, 1615, in the earliest Register.

Several Faculties (modern): an act of Consecration of New Churchyard 1895.

The earliest Register contains 6 pages of a True Register of Parish Charities dated July 16th, 1604.

These books are kept with the Registers.

FAIRFIELD, St. Thomas (Becket).

A. 1. Mixed 1558-1717 4. Mars. 1813-1836
 2. , 1717-1812 5. Bapts. 1813-1910
 3. Mars. 1759-1811 6. Burs. 1813-1859

Transcripts in the Diocesan Registry begin 1564.

The Registers are kept at Brookland Church. Fairfield parish is united with Brookland.

B. None.

FAVERSHAM, St. Mary of Charity.

A. 1. Mixed 1620-1669 13. Mars. 1877-1886
 2. , 1669-1773 14. , 1886-1894
 3. Mars. 1754-1801 15. , 1894-1901
 4. Bapts.
 & Burs. 1774-1806 16. Bapts. 1874-1877
 5. Mars. 1801-1812 17. , 1877-1885
 6. Bapts.
 & Burs. 1807-1812 18. Burs. 1873-1879
 7. Bapts. 1813-1873 19. , 1879-1895
 8. Burs. 1813-1873 20. Bapts. 1885-1893
 9. Mars. 1813-1837 21. , 1893-1901
 10. , 1837-1855 22. , 1901-
 11. , 1855-1867 23. Mars. 1901-
 12. , 1867-1877 24. Burs. 1895 —

31 Feb 1901-1937
 31 Feb 1901-1937
 32 Feb 1901-1937
 32 Feb 1901-1937
 32 Feb 1901-1937
 32 Feb 1901-1937

Transcripts in the Diocesan Registry begin 1560.

No. 1 is a parchment book, and among the Baptisms a page seems to have been taken out for the period between 7 March, 1640-1 and 10 February, 1642-3. Also a leaf of the Marriages is missing, there being no entries between 24 July, 1654 and 2 February, 1656. There are no burial entries between 16 March, 1655, and 9 November, 1663.

The following entries are among the Burials:—1650, March 23. “John Cooke, sexton. By taking down the Prince’s Arms in the Church fell from the lather and after dyed.”

(—1652, July 12. “John Leader a servant of William Martin, weaver, going to wash himself in horsis reach on the sabbathi day in sermon tyme in the afternoone was drowned. Memento.”

Registers kept in Fire Proof Safe in the Church.

B.

- 1. *Churchwardens’ Accounts*, 1854-88.
- 2. *Overseers’ Accounts*, 24 Volumes of various dates.
- 6. *Vestry Minute Book*, 2 Vols., 1753-72, and 1833 to the present time.
- 9. *Tithe Map* in the custody of the Vicar’s agent.

An Inventory of Church Goods, etc., dated 1512 is printed in *Archaeologia Cantiana*, Vol. xviii. 103-13.

See also an Article on the Parish Clerks and Sextons, 1506-93 of Faversham by F. F. Giraud in *Arch. Cant.*, Vol. xx. 203-10.

FAVERSHAM, The Brents.

New Parish, Registers begin 1881.

FOLKESTONE, SS. Mary and Eanswythe.

A.	1. Mixed	1635-1699	16. Burs.	1843-1857
	2. ,,	1700-1727	17. Mars.	1847-1858
	3. ,,	1728-1753	18. Bapts.	1852-1866
	4. ,,	1753-1783	19. Burs.	1858-1880
	5. Mars.	1754-1770	20. Mars.	1858-1870
	6. ,,	1770-1776	21. Bapts.	1866-1899
	7. ,,	1776-1802	22. Mars.	1870-1883
	8. Bapts. & Burs.	1783-1812	23. Burs.	1883-1886
	9. Mars.	1802-1812	24. Mars.	1883-1895
	10. ,,	1813-1837	25. Burs.	1886-1892
	11. Bapts.	1813-1829	26. ,,	1892-1897
	12. Burs.	1813-1843	27. Mars.	1895-1908
	13. Bapts.	1830-1835	28. Burs.	1897
	14. ,,	1836-1851	29. Bapts.	1900
	15. Mars.	1837-1847	30. Mars.	1908

Gaps: There are no entries of Burials, between the years 1684-1699, possibly there was a separate book for persons buried in Woollen which appears to be no longer extant.

For the years 1644-1660 the entries appear to be normal; to 1653 they were made by Peter Rogers, Curate, and from 1653 to 1660 by John Angell, Registrar.

Transcripts in the Diocesan Registry begin 1563.

Registers kept in the Church.

B. *Churchwardens' Accounts.* Several Vols. between 1763-1820.
Overseers' Accounts (as above).
9. *Maps, etc.* Tithe map, probably in the custody of the Earl of Radnor the Lay Rector.
Records in Class B kept in the Belfry.

FOLKESTONE. All Souls.

Registers begin 1892.

S. Peter's.

Registers begin 1868.

St. John Baptist.

Registers begin 1883.

St. Saviour's.

Registers begin 1882.

FORDWICH.

A.	1. Mixed	1683-1783	5. Mars.	1813-1837
	2. Bapts.	1781-1812	6. ,,	1837
	3. ,,	1813	7. Burs.	1813
	4. Mars.	1754-1812		

Transcripts in the Diocesan Registry begin 1563.

The Registers are in fair condition and are kept at the Rectory.

B. 1. *Churchwardens' Accounts*, *One Vol. 1509-1538, it contains an Inventory of Church goods, and a Terrier of Church Lands, made 1501. This is a small paper book bound in the parchment leaves of a medieval service-book. Extracts from these accounts and also from the transcripts preserved in the Diocesan Registry of the earlier Registers—(now missing) will be found in Woodruff's *History of the Town and Port of Fordwich, Canterbury* 1895.

[*This Book is kept with the Municipal Records in the Chest in the Town Hall.]

2. *Overseers' Accounts, etc.*, 15 Vols., but none earlier than 1751,
Also 11 Rate books, 19th cent.
6. *Vestry Minute Book*, 1 Vol. 1724-1748.
13. *Records of Parochial Charities*, Sarah Edward's Charity, 1823.

FRINSTED, St. Dunstan.

*[No Complete Schedule of Registers returned.]

Baptisms and Burials from 1714, Marriages from 1755. In all 9 Vols.

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1560.

Registers kept at the Rectory.

B. 1. *Churchwardens' Accounts*, 1834-94.
 2. *Overseers' Accounts*, 1825-35.
 3. *Waywardens' Accounts*, 1795-1824.
 9. *Tithe Map* in the Rector's custody.
 13. *Parish Charities*, Copy of Wiatt's Will.

Class B kept at the Rectory.

GODMERSHAM, St. Lawrence.

1. Mixed 1600-1743	5. Bapts. 1813-1883
2. " 1743-1812	6. Burs. 1813
3. Mars. 1754-1812	7. Bapts. 1883
4. " 1813-1836	8. Mars. 1837 (in duplicate).

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1564.

No. 1 is a Paper Book with vellum binding 11½ in. by 7½ in. On the first page is the following inscription "The Register Booke of Christenings within ye Parish of Godmersham beginning March 25, 1600."

Part of Register 1, from 1730 to 1743, was transcribed by Samuel Pegge, Vicar.

The Registers are kept in the Vicarage House in the statutable iron box, and are in good order.

B. 1. *Churchwardens' Books*, 1 Vol. 1736-1842.
 2. *Overseers' Books*, 2 Vols., 1651-16-99, and 1734-1753.
 7. *Inventories of Church Goods*. One dated 1866.

Tithe Map in the custody of the Vicar.

A M.S. History of the Parish of Godmersham by Walter Field, Vicar (1864-1876), with later additions.

A Book of "Parochial Events" 1864-1913.

Class B are kept at the Vicarage.

GOODNESTONE NEXT FAVERSHAM, St. Bartholomew.

A. ✓ 1. Mixed 1569-1795 5. Bapts. 1813
 ✓ 2. " 1795-1812 6. Mars. 1814-1835 ✓
 ✓ 3. Mars. 1759-1812 7. " 1837
 ✓ 4. Burs. 1813

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1567.

No. 1 is a parchment book, 24 in. by 6 in., in a very dilapidated condition, having been doubled up so as to go into the safe. It has also suffered from damp.*

On the cover is inscribed:—"Approbatur. The Parish Book of Goodnestone-next-Faversham, November (23rd?) 1598." The first page is headed—"A true copy of the.....of christenings, marriages,

and burials of the parish of Goodnestone-next-Faversham, extracted out of the writings of.....Archdeacon.....Canterbury, followeth viz.:—Christenings, 1569.

On the last fly leaf are the following notes:—(1) “ June 19th, 1636. Michael Hunt, Parson of the Parish of Goodnestone did publicly read in the time of Morning Prayer the Articles of Religion agreed upon in the Convocation holden in Anno 1562. in the presence of we whose names are here underwritten.” ‘Here follows eight names).

(2) Another entry similar to the above by Thomas Lees, 1678.

(3) “ In the east Window of Goodnestone Church there is still some remains of Christ upon the Cross and John and Mary on each side. And on the left part of the same window Mary with Jesus in her arms, and underneath a man kneeling in clerical habit, with these words on a table ascending—Roberto.....pia Virgo reddeplacatum.....”

“ In the chancel likewise are memorials of Mildred and Thomas Pyx 1572-1573.”

(Note—All the above have disappeared).

(4) Another entry similar to (1) of John Hunt 1688.

(5) A Terrier of Church Lands.

(6) On the last leaf:—“ 1690. Memorandum that on the 12th day of October being Sunday, about 2 of the clock in ye morning (the wind north west) there hapnd a very high tide which overflowed the marshes belonging to Ewell and Goodnestone Court on both sides the wall leading from Faversham to Graveney. This did no great damage, but on Tuesday the 9th of December following about 3 in the morning there hapned another and much greater tide which overflowed not only the same marshes but likewise most of the marshland in other places of Kent, and abundance of cattle (especially sheep) were drowned. It flowed into the highway at Goodnestone where the stocks stand and carried away a hive of bees from a frame on which it stood on the east side of Mrs. Berries House there. And the sea walls were broken down in many places. This was A.D. 1690.”

B. 1. *Churchwardens' Account, 1854 to present time.*

8. *Terrier of church lands, 1618.*

[*At the Visitation of the Archdeacon of Canterbury in 1594, the following Presentment was made from Goodnestone (next Faversham):—“ That our Register Book for about these two years last past, since Mr. Plott came to be our parson, hath been orderly kept. But the book that was before that time, and before we came into office, is so defaced and rotten that it cannot be read. The cause was this:—our old chest about that time was so great that it took up a great room in our church, wherefore by consent of our parish it was sold, and a new lesser (*sic*) made, which by reason it was of green wood the sap and dampness thereof went through the book and spoiled it:—(M.S. Vol. 1584-91, Part 2. fol. 116, in the Cathedral library).]

GOODNESTONE NEXT WINGHAM, Holy Cross.

A. 1. Mixed begins 1558.	4. Burs.
2. Bapts.*	5. Mars.
3. Bapts.	6. Mars. (in duplicate).

[*Schedule incomplete].

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1564.

Gaps: Burials between 1684–1689 are missing.

The entries up to 1611 or 1613 are transcripts on parchment, and are signed up to 1603 by Blase Winter, incumbent, and two churchwardens. The Baptisms during 1648, '49, '54, '55, '56, are below the average.

One Marriage only entered between 1644–1649.

One Burial only entered between 1644–1657. From 1653 to 1654, the Register is signed by "Grindal Sharpe, Clericus."

Registers kept at the Parsonage.

B.

- 1. *Churchwardens' Account Books*. Poor Book 1767–1804.
Rate Book and Accounts 1780–1872.
- 2. *Overseers' Account Books*, 1837–1871. Poor Rate Book 1850–51. Outdoor Relief list 1848 ($\frac{1}{2}$ year), 1849 ($\frac{1}{2}$ year), 1850 and 1851.
- 3. *Waywardens' Account Books*, Highway Rate Book 1837–1844, Highway Account Book, 1838–1844.
- 6. *Vestry Minute Book*, 1782 (two entries) only, but Vestry Minutes are entered in Overseers' book for 1837–1871.
Tithe Map in the hands of the Patron of the benefice.

Class B kept in the Parish Safe.

GOUDHURST, St. Mary.

A.

1. Mixed	1558–1715	10. 1782. Affids Burs. in Woollen.
2. ,	1715–1790	11. Bapts. 1830–1851
3. Mars.	1754–1792	12. Burs. 1846–1894
4. Bapts.	1790–1812	13. Bapts. 1851–1883
5. Mars.	1792–1812	14. Mars. 1837–1888
6. Burs.	1803–1812	15. Mars. 1888–1912
7. Bapts.	1813–1830	16. Bapts. 1883
8. Mars.	1813–1837	17. Burs. 1894
9. Burs.	1813–1846	18. Mars. 1912

The entries in No. 1 from 1558–1598 are transcripts from an earlier Register made by Richard Carter, Vicar of the parish.

Gaps: No Baptisms 1653–1660, no marriages 1653–1661.

A Copy of the Registers of this parish is in the Herald's College.

Transcripts in the Diocesan Registry begin 1564.

The Registers are in good condition, and are kept at the Church.

B.

- 1. *Churchwardens' Accounts*, 1 Vol. 1722–1735.
- 6. *Vestry Minute Books*, 3 Vols. (1) 1744–1831; (2) 1820–1823; (3) 1858 onwards.
- 11. *Faculties*, Four. (1) Restoration of Church 1866; (2) Handrail to Pulpit, 1903; (3) Stained glass window, 1908; (4) Re-table and Memorial Slab, 1913.
- 13. *Records of Parochial Charities*, Extracts from the Will of P. Paris.—Stephens.

Tithe Map, in the custody of the Vicar.

Records in Class B are kept, some in the Church Tower, others are in the possession of the Parish Council.

GRAVENEY, All Saints.

A. ✓ 1. Mixed 1653-1808 ✓ 4. Mars. 1813-1836
 ✓ 2. „ 1808-1812 ✓ 5. Burs. 1813
 ✓ 3. Bapts. 1813 ✓ 6. Mars. 1837

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1564.

Gaps: No marriages 1753-1813.

No. 1 is a parchment book 14 in. by 8 in., and begins as follows:—
 "A Register Booke of the Births of children, marriages, and deaths
 of all persons within the parish of Graveney, since the 29th September
 1653." From 1653 to 1660 births and not baptisms are entered.

Also the following note:—"Thomas Lees, A.M. Inductus fuit
 in Vicariam de Graveney per manus Johis Sherwin Rectoris de Ludden-
 ham, 2^o die Mart Ano. Dn. 1679." At the end of the Register:
 —"Memorandum, that upon my Induction to Graveney I made
 diligent enquiry after the old Register Book, but could never certainly
 learn what became of it. Some of the Parishioners thought it was
 burnt by a rash woman. This book also had been ill kept and much
 abused before it came in my hands" (Signed) Thomas Lees, Vicar of
 Graveney. Then follows Psalm 71, verse 5 in Greek and Hebrew.

Other notes are:—June 5th, 1706. The Archbishop visited at
 Sittingbourne, and confirmed great numbers, being assisted by the
 Bishop of Bangor, 10 confirmed from Graveney and 5 from Goodnestone.

July 15th, 1758. At ye confirmation at Faversham, were con-
 firmed from Graveney 20, from Goodnestone 10.

Also the Bishop of Oxford confirmed at Faversham, June 17th,
 1806; and the Bishop of Exeter (G. Pelham) in 1815 and 1819.

On the cover is a note that the book was produced in the Court of
 Chancery, in a suit in which William Lade, clerk, was complainant;
 and Thomas Gibbs Hilton and John Smith, defendants, on the 4th July,
 1808.

In this Register are entered some Briefs, from 1660 to 1768.

Registers kept in the Church.

B. 1. *Churchwardens' Accounts*, 1859 to present time.
 2. *Overseers' Accounts*, 1811-35.
Relief Book, 1760-93.
 3. *Waywardens' Accounts* from March, 1837 to September,
 1851, and from October, 1857 to March, 1861.
 6. *Vestry Minute Book*, 1820 to present time.
 7. *Inventories of Church Goods*, one (two copies).
 9. *Tithe Map*, in the custody of the Vicar.

Class B kept partly in the Church, and partly at the Vicarage.

GUSTON, St. Martin.

A. 1. Mixed 1664-1812 4. Mars. 1813-1837
 2. Bapts. 1813 5. „ 1837
 3. Mars. 1766-1812 6. Burs. 1813

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1570.

Gaps: No marriages until 1720, no burials until 1712.

No. 1 has been injured by damp, and several pages at the beginning have been cut out. At the end of the book is a list of baptisms "at Dover Castle" from 1797 to 1812.

No. 6 has the following note on a fly leaf "The ancient solid silver Paten and Chalice now in use in this Church are a loan from the Rector and Churchwardens of the parish of Wootton, Canterbury, to be returned to them whenever they may wish to recall them. H. A. S. Atwood, Curate, Nov. 16, 1898."... "They are lent to this parish because the only Paten and Chalice belonging to it were very poor, only plated and not solid silver. H. A. S. A."

[The Rev. W. H. Wilding, Curate-in-Charge 1913, reports that these vessels are no longer in Guston.]

The Registers, several of which require binding—are kept in the Church.

B. 6. *Vestry Minute Book*, 1 Vol. 1908.
 9. *Maps and Plans*. Plan of interior of the Church showing its' seating accommodation 1853 (hangs on wall of Vestry).
 Tithe Map in the custody of the Vicar of River with Guston.
 10. *Deeds*. Conveyance of land for addition to Churchyard 1909. Architect's Report on Church with plan showing date of different parts 1895.
 13. *Records of Charities*, Connor-Dixon's Bounty.

Class B kept in the Church.

HALDEN, HIGH, St. Mary.

A. 1. Mixed 1558-1705 7. Burs. 1813-1880
 2. " 1705-1812 8. Bapts. 1855-1905
 4. Mars. 1754-1812 9. Bapts. 1905
 5. Bapts. 1813-1855 10. Mars. 1837
 6. Mars. 1814-1837 11. Burs. 1880

No. 1 is a Parchment Book, the earlier entries being transcripts.

The entries between 1644-1660 are normal, and were made by John Crawford, "Minister."

Transcripts in the Diocesan Registry begin 1561.

The Registers are kept in the Church and are in good condition.

B. 1. *Churchwardens' Accounts*, 1 Vol. 1781-1912.
 2. *Overseers' Accounts*, Several Volumes between 1697-1835.
 5. *Brief Books*, 1 Vol. 1689-1761.
 9. *Tithe Map*, in the custody of the Rector.

Class B kept in the Church.

HALSTOW, LOWER, St. Margaret.

A. 1. Mixed 1692-1783 5. Bapts. 1813-1876
 2. " 1783-1812 6. Burs. 1813
 3. Mars. 1756-1812 7. Bapts. 1876
 4. " 1813-1837 8. Mars. 1837

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin in 1564.

The vicarage is said to have been destroyed by fire in 1691, this may have caused the loss of the earlier Registers.

No. 1 is a parchment book, except the first four pages for the years, 1692-1699 which are of paper. The last page contains duplicate entries of the Burials between 1781-83.

The following note is on the paper page at the end of the book:—
" Mem. Lest the names registered on this Paper leaf, through length of time should be lost, I Henry Friend, Off. Minister thought it advisable to register them again on the Parchment Leaf, preceding that which begins with the registry of Burials, which see. October 1st, 1783."

No. 2 is a parchment book of the Baptisms and Burials. On the fly leaf is written:—" From the respect due to the Profession and to prevent similar doings from future Churchwardens, the following Memorandum is recorded for the inspection of succeeding Ministers whether Vicars or Curates. James Ayers, the Churchwarden of this parish, for having on Sunday the eleventh day of January 1784, locked the door of the Church and sent away the congregation therein assembled did by Order of the Archdeacon publickly ask pardon in the Church, of Henry Friend the then Curate, for the above offence, on the sixteenth day of May following before a crowded audience. It is to be observed that at that time, this opinion prevailed in the Parish, viz.—that the above-mentioned Insult might be offered with Impunity; but as that opinion was set aside by the Punishment then inflicted, and as ruin would have ensued upon the Non-Compliance with the Arch-Deacon's Injunction, that Opinion can never again obtain. If therefore daring Insolence should ever presume to offer the like Indignity, it is no more than reasonable that it should be punished with the utmost severity."

The Registers are in good condition, and are kept at the Vicarage.

B. 1. *Churchwardens' Accounts*, 4 Volumes, from 1739.
 2. *Overseers' Accounts*, 5 Volumes, from 1706.
 3. *Waywardens' Accounts*, 1836-69.
 6. *Vestry Minute Books*, 3 vols., from 1714.
 7. *Inventories of Church Goods*, Two.
 9. *Tithe Map*, in custody of the Vicar.
 11. *Faculty*, one for Restoration of the Church, 1907.
 Some old deeds of Parish-Charities, in very bad condition.

Records in Class B kept in the Church.

HAM, St. George.

A. 1. Mixed 1552-1758 (in bad condition).
 2. " 1759-1819* 5. Mars. 1845
 *(This Vol. also contains a transcript of 1).
 3. Mars. 1762-1828 6. Bapts. 1814
 4. " 1815-1836 7. Burs. 1815

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1564.

Gaps: No Bapts. 1644-1651; no Marriages 1639-1671 no Burials 1639-1662.

The Registers (except 1) are in good condition and are kept at Bettleshanger rectory in an Iron Safe.

For further particulars see Appendix.

B. 1 Vol. of Vestry Minutes and Wardens' Accounts 1797.
 2 Terriers in Vol. 2 of the Registers "extracted (Sept. 25, 1637) out of the Registry of the Archdeacon's Court of Canterbury." Tithe Map.

Class B, kept in the Iron Chest (except Tithe Map).

HARBLEDOWN, St. Michael.

A. 1. Mixed 1557-1688 6. Burs. 1813-1858
 2. " 1689-1748 7. Bapts. 1846-1885
 3. " 1748-1812 8. Mars. 1837
 4. Bapts. 1813-1846 9. Burs. 1858
 5. Mars. 1813-1837 10. Bapts. 1885

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1560.

The Registers of this parish—down to the year 1800, have been transcribed, printed and indexed by the late J. M. Cowper, Canterbury, Cross and Jackman 1907. Mr. Cowper in his Introduction to the Registers says that the earliest book was produced as evidence in the Chandos peerage case (C 1800) and was not returned until 1841, when it was discovered among the ruins after the fire in the Tower of London.

B. With the exception of two Vestry Minute Books the Rector reports that there are no other records in his keeping.

HARDRES, LOWER, St. Mary.

A. 1. Mixed 1563-1794 5. Bapts. 1813
 2. Mars. 1755-1812 6. Burs. 1813
 3. Bapts. 1794-1812 7. Mars. 1837
 4. Mars. 1813-1836

Transcripts in the Diocesan Registry begin 1560.

Register No. 1 is a parchment book, having on its first page the following inscription: "A Register of all Christenings, Weddings, and Buryings as have bine there since the begininge of the Raigne of our Souvraigne ladie Queene Elizabeth beginning 17 November, Anno domini 1558," but there are no entries until the year 1563. On the back of the 2nd page is a list of the Rectors from 1568 to 1806. At the end of the volume are two pages containing surveys of the bounds of the parish taken respectively in 1712, and 1725. An index of Register 1 has been compiled by the Rev. J. Deane, a former rector.

The Registers which are all in good order, are kept at the Rectory.

B. 1. *Churchwardens' Accounts*, 3 Vols., 1728-1820.
 2. *Overseers' Accounts*, 1 Vol., 1823-1848, also bundles containing certificates of settlements, and paid bills, all 18th cent.
 3. *Highway book*, 1 Vol. 1800-1828.
 4. *Constable's papers*, etc., from 1707; a parcel.
 6. *Vestry Minute book*, 2 Vols., 1821 to present time. The earlier contains an account of the re-building of the church in 1832.

10. *Deeds*, etc. Copy of certificate of capital value of the parish for purposes of the extraordinary T.R.C. Redemption Act, 1886.
 Conveyance of land for School, 1846.
 13. *Parish Charities*, an account of Tillard's Charity hangs in the Church porch.

Class B kept at the Rectory.

HARDRES, UPPER, St. Peter and St. Paul.

A. 1. Mars. 1754-1797 4. Mars. 1813-1838
 2. Mixed 1764-1811 5. Burs. 1813
 3. Bapts. 1813 6. Mars. 1838

There is a gap in the Marriage Register 1797 to 1813.

Transcripts in the Diocesan Registry begin 1563.

The two oldest Registers (mixed) beginning 1566 were destroyed with the books of the Rector by fire 1 January, 1908. They had been sent to be rebound and were stored with the rector's goods, while the new rectory was being built.

Registers kept at the Rectory.

B. 1. *Churchwardens' Accounts*, 1908.
 6. *Vestry Minute Book*, 1908.
 9. *Tithe Map* in the custody of Mr. T. A. Bowen, 19 Watling St., Canterbury.
 11. *Faculties*, two, for the repairs to the church 1896; and for new organ 1912.
 13. *Parish Charities*, Records of Denward's Charity from 1808.

Class B, (except Tithe Map), kept at the Rectory.

HARRIETSHAM, St. John the Baptist.

A. 1. Mixed 1538-1696 6. Mars. 1813-1837
 2. " 1703-1797 7. Burs. 1813-1872
 3. Mars. 1754-1812 8. Mars. 1837
 4. Bapts. 9. Bapts. 1846
 & Burs. 1798-1813 10. Burs. 1872
 5. Bapts. 1813-1846

Transcripts begin in Diocesan Registry 1560.

No. 1 is a parchment book 14 in. by 6 in. It requires re-binding. The entries from 1643 to 1660 are scanty, and appear to have been made after the Restoration.

Gaps: No Marriages 1646-60; and no Burials 1643-60.

In February 1634 there is entered a licence to Lady Elisabeth Culpeper and two others, to eat flesh during Lent.

On the last four pages are notes with regard to the amounts received for Briefs between 1653 and 1701.

Registers kept at the Rectory.

B. *Vestry Minute Book.*

9. *Tithe Map*, in the Rector's Custody.
10. *Deed* of conveyance of glebe land for addition to the church-yard, 1913.
11. *Faculty* for new pulpit, 1902.
13. Papers of Bootle and Claggett Charities.

HARTLIP, St. Michael.

A.	1. Mixed	1538-1812	5. Burs.	1813.
	2. ,,	1754-1817	6. Bapts.	1813-1898
	3. Mars.	1813-1837	7. ,,	1898
	4. ,,	1838		

The Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin in 1564.

No. 1 is a vellum book, and contains Baptisms and Burials 1538 to 1812; and Marriages 1538 to 1754. The Baptisms are irregular between 1655 and 1664; and there are no Marriages and Burials 1655 to 1664.

On the third page is the following note:—"This Register Book of the parish of Hartlip, was new bound, with the addition of the paper Leaves at the Beginning and at the End in the year 1751. C. Soan, Vicar at a cost of 5/-."

Also:—"Memdm. Collection of alms at the service of the Lord's Supper, had been disused in this parish; by the Recommendation and advice of the Rev. Dr. John Head, Archdeacon of the Diocese of Canterbury it was revived, according to Rubrick, at the first Sacrament administered after the Institution and Induction of C. Soan; V. by him." Then follows the great festivals and the sums disbursed, the Clerk receiving a large part.

On page 56 are entered the marriages of 75 couples before John Osborne, J.P., in the years 1654-5. There are no burial entries from 21st August, 1655, to 29th March, 1664.

The Registers are in good condition with the exception of No. 1 which is described as "Fair." They are kept at the Church.

- B. 1. *Churchwarden's Accounts*, 5 Vols from 1667 to 1842. Also a Volume called "Hartlip Churchwardens' Ledger" from 1842 to present time.
2. *Overseers' Accounts*, 12 Vols., from 1662 to 1848. Also Assessment Book, 1835-6.
3. *Waywardens' Accounts*; 17 Vols., 1836 to 1861. Rate books, 2 Vols., 1830-1836 and 1836-1861.
6. *Vestry Minutes*, 3 Vols., (a) 1735-1845. (b) 1846-1910 (c) 1910
9. *Tithe Map*, in the custody of the Vicar.
11. *Faculties*. (1) For Tablets, Chiming apparatus, etc., 1908. (2) Heating apparatus, 1911. (3) Oak lectern and stone re-table, 1914.

Miscellaneous—Parish Apprentice Register, 1822.

Class B kept in an oak chest at the Church.

HARTY, St. Thomas.

A.	1. Mixed 1679-1813	4. Mars. 1839
	2. Bapts. 1813	5. Burs. 1814
	3. Mars. 1819-1835	

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1567.

The Registers which are in good condition are kept at the Church.

B.	1. <i>Churchwardens' Accounts</i> 1 Vol. from 1853.
	6. <i>Vestry Minute Book</i> 1 Vol. from 1857.

No further information received.

HASTINGLEIGH, St. Mary.

A.	1. Mixed 1730-1779	5. Bapts. 1813-1889
	2. " *1779-1813	6. Burs. 1813
	3. Mars. 1782-1812	7. Mars. 1837
	4. " 1812-1836	8. Bapts. 1889

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin in 1563.

No. 1 is a parchment book damaged by damp. At the end is a list of rectors from 1587 to 1734.

No. 2 is a parchment book of Baptisms and Burials. Within the cover is the following note:—" Wm. Wodsworth, Clerk, M.A. of Pem. College, Cambridge, was ordained to this Curacy on June 3rd 1806; instituted to ye Rectory of St. Peter the Apostle Sandwich, on 17th July 1811; and succeeded in this Curacy by John Barker, Clerk, L.L.B., of St. John's College Cambridge on ye 22nd day of September 1811."

There is also at the end of the book, another list of rectors from 1558 to 1904.

*[In 1813 the earliest Register is said to date from 1553, in 1833 from 1730. See *Parliamentary Returns*.]

On the cover of Register No. 6 is:— A Terrier of the Glebe lands, signed by Gostwick Prideaux, rector, and John Marshall, churchwarden, 1834.

Also a copy of the Notice of the union of the parish with that of Elmsted in 1839.

Registers kept at the Vicarage.

B.	9. <i>Tithe Map</i> , in the custody of the Vicar.
	11. <i>Faculty</i> for a window, 1910.

Class B kept at the Vicarage.

HAWKHURST, St. Laurence.

A.	1. Mixed 1579-1670	9. Bapts. 1813-1833
	2. " 1550-1725	10. " 1833-1853.
	3. Bapts & Burs. 1725-1812	11. Burs. 1813-1852
	4. " 1812-1813	12. " 1852
		13. Bapts. 1853-1896

5. Mars. 1754-1795	14. Mars. 1871-1888
6. " 1795-1812	15. " 1888
7. " 1813-1837	16. Bapts. 1896
8. " 1837-1871	

[There is a small bundle of copies of Baptisms 1771-1777 apparently made by the Clerk which contains entries not in the Register. It is in the Safe with the Registers.]

No. 1 is a large paper book 14 inches by 10 inches with a parchment cover with flaps. It is in good preservation but some of the leaves are loose, and it requires rebinding. It contains (a) Baptisms 1579-1670, (b) Marriages 1579-1648, 1653-1660, and 1162-1670, (c) Burials 1579-1650, 1653-1670. After the purchase of Register (2) in 1598, entries continued to be made in this paper book up to 1670, and were transcribed yearly into Register (2). Up to 1670 therefore both Registers should be searched for entries especially in the period 1640-1662 when this paper register was better kept than Register (2). There was an earlier register now lost as in the accounts 1551-1554 is an entry " Pd for Register boke of paper x*d*." This was no doubt the original of the earlier entries in Register (2). Register (2) is a large parchment book purchased in 1598. " Itm for a Register booke of parchment xxxv." Its contents are as follows:— i. Baptisms 1550-1643. Then only a few entries to 1660, the paper book being well kept up with births and baptisms for this period.

ii. Baptisms 1660-1698.

iii. Marriages 1550-1642. The intentions or banns of marriage 1653 to 1660 are in Register (1), the marriages 1654-1661 in this Register (2). From 1654-1657 they are signed by William Boys J.P., in 1657 by Ephraim Bothell, Minister.

iv. Marriages 1662-1699.

v. Burials 1550-1642, Burials 1642-1661 are in the Paper Register (1) 1662-1675.

vi. Marriages 1654-1660

xi. Burials 1675-1699.

vii. Briefs 1½ pages.

xii. Bapts. 1699.

viii. Marriages 1660-1661.

xiii. Burials 1700-1725.

ix. Briefs ½ page.

xiv. Marriage 1700-1725.

x. Marriages 1661-1662.

xv. Baptisms 1700-1725.

The entries in this Volume are signed by the curates and Church wardens from 1550 to 1642. Those from 1550-1598 are of course transcripts, as also are most of the other entries down to 1670.

The Marriage Register 1725-1754 which ranges with Register (3) is lost. It has been missing for many years as there is a note of its deficiency in an old list of the Registers made about 1850.

The Transcripts in the Diocesan Registry begin 1612.

The Registers are kept in the Church; those in use in the statutable iron box, and others in a fire proof safe.

B. 1. *Churchwardens' Accounts*, 6 Vols, 1515-1718, and 1755-1894. (See *Archæologia Cantiana* Vol. V. pp. 55-79).
 2. *Overseers' Accounts*, Several Volumes from 1817 onwards, and Assessment Books 1711-1794, 1821-31.
 3. *Waywardens' Accounts*, 3 Vols., 1766-1845.
 6. *Vestry Minute Books*, 3 Vols., 1716-1883 and a Memorandum Book 1759-1829, also proceedings of Select Vestry 1819-1832. (2 Vols.)
 7. *Inventory of Church Goods*, one dated 1906.

8. *Terriers of Church Lands*, Copies of Terriers of 1615, 1630, 1634, 1637, 1833; and of Lands belonging to the Parish 1836.
9. *Maps and Plans*. Tithe Map in the custody of Mr. G. Morris, Hawkhurst Place. Drawings and Plans of the Church made 1859 by Wm Slater, architect. Plan of the Glebe near East Heath since exchanged for other land.
10. *Deeds, etc.* Between 40 and 50 Deeds and other early documents dating from Edward I. to George I. For inventory see Appendix.
13. *Records of Parochial Charities*, Several bundles of papers and deeds—19th century.

Class B are kept partly in a Safe in the Vestry, and partly in a Chamber in the Church Porch.

A Complete Inventory of all the documents comprised under Class B has been compiled by Mr. Leland Duncan, F.S.A., and will be found in the appendix.

HAWKINGE, St. Michael.

A.	1. Mixed 1691-1782	5. Mars. 1813-1837
	2. Mars. 1783-1813	6. Mars. 1838
	3. Bapts. & Burs 1783-1813	7. Burs. 1813.
	4. Bapts. 1813-1892	8. Bapts. 1892

No entries between 1644-1660.

Transcripts in Diocesan Register 1560,

On page 1 of No. 1 are notes of the Burials of several Rectors of the parish, e.g.:—

“ Mr. John Chapman Rector of Hawkinge, buried April 1543.”
 “ Mr. William Mercer, Rector, buried November 23rd 1591.”
 “ Henry Amy, Rector of Hawkinge, buried at Houghan, September 13th, 1612.” And five other Rectors with the comment following “ 8 or 9 Rectors in 220 years one with another about 27 years each, and to this must be added the part of the time Mr. Chapman was Rector, how much does not appear.”

The Registers are kept at the Rectory.

- B. One modern Vestry Minute Book. The Tithe Map (with altered Apportionments) is in the custody of the Rector.

HEADCORN, SS. Peter and Paul.

A.	1. Mixed 1560-1624	9. Burs. 1813-1860
	2. „ 1623-1716	10. 1860-1903
	3. „ 1717-1782	11. Bapts. 1840-1870
	4. Burs. 1678-1811	12. Mars. 1837-1904
	5. Mars. 1754-1812	13. Bapts. 1870-1899
	6. Bapts. 1782-1812	14. „ 1899
	7. Mars. 1813-1837	15. Mars. 1904
	8. Bapts. 1813-1839.	16. Burs. 1903

Gaps:—No burials 1610-1631. And no Bapts., Mars. or Burs., 1644-1650.

No. 1 is a parchment book the entries 1560–1598 being transcripts from an earlier register.

Transcripts in the Diocesan Registry begin 1560.

The Current Registers are kept in the Church, the rest at the Vicarage in an iron safe.

B. [No return.]

HERNE, St. Martin.

A.	7. Mixed	1558–1678	9. Bapts.	1860–1904
	2. "	1678–1764	10. "	1904
	3. "	1765–1812	11. Mars.	1837–1875
	4. Mars.	1754–1801	12. "	1875–1896
	5. "	1813–1838	13. "	1898–1902
	6. Burs.	1813–1855	14. "	1902
	7. Bapts.	1813–1838	15. Burs.	1855–1870
	8. "	1838–1860	16. "	1870–1904

Gaps: No entries in 1647 and 1649–51.

Transcripts in the Diocesan Registry begin 1563.

Extracts from the Registers and Churchwardens' Accounts, are printed in "*Memorials of Herne*" by Rev. J. R. Buchanan. 1887.

The Registers are kept in a Safe at the Church. All are in good condition.

B.

1. *Churchwardens' Accounts* :—3 Vols., (a) 1672 etc. (b) 1679–1701. (c) 1706 (and others of which no particulars are given.)
See also below and Appendix.
2. *Overseers' Accounts* :—Two Vols., (a) 1652–1663. (b) 1674–1683.

Map of the Charity lands, 1669. Composition for Tithe 1794, with many signatures. M.S. copy of the East Kent Poll Book for Herne parish, 1734. M.S. copy of licence in Mortmain of lands in Reculver, 1426. Appointment by the churchwardens and overseers to the Alms-House in Herne, 1774. Modern copy of Burials in wool, 1741. Copy of Benefactions to the parish, 1786. Indenture of apprenticeship in 1728. Order for a Brief for French Refugees, 1793. Copy of a letter undated, and without address from the Rev. F. Green, vicar of Reculver 1695–1716, giving many particulars relating to the parish, and the sources from which the vicar derived his income. This letter was communicated by Dr. Ducarel from M.S.S., Nos. 1605, 1606 in the Lambeth Palace Library.

9. *Tithe Map*, in the custody of the Vicar.

Churchwardens' Accounts :—For the years 1338, 1339, 1359, 1396, 1397, 1424 (?), 1440, 1447.

The accounts for each year is written on the two sides of a strip of parchment about 18 inches in length, with a margin to the left in which the various headings are given.

The accounts are in Latin, and the receipts are entered under the following heads:—arrears or balances (*arreragium*), rent of assize, sale of stock, receipt of money (*recepta denar*'), receipts for the paschal-taper, letting of cows, letting of workshops. The expenses are not classified.

In 1338 the 'arreragia' of the last account amounted to £5 12 11½d. the rents of assize 23 10d., sale of stock (*stauri*) including one bullock for 12s., a sheep for 12d., and 26 quarters 3 lbs of wool for 23-6½d. Money was received from the Exors of deceased parishioners, the total amounting to 16s. 1d. The receipts for the paschal taper are classified under the heads of the several Boroughs viz :—Haghe, Strode, Thornden, Hamton, and Beltinge, Total 8-7½d.

Cows let to farm brought in 21s. 10d., the hire for each cow being from 2 - to 2s. 6d. The sum total of the receipts for the year with balance brought forward came to £12 11s. 10½d., or without the *arreragium* £6 18s. 11½.

The expenses amounted to £4 1s. 9d. Wax cost 8d. per lb., and 21s. 6d. was spent on wax for Easter, also 1 gallon and 1 quart of oil was bought against Easter for 1s. 11½d. Straw was bought against the Feast of St. Martin (11th November) the patron Saint. A chamber (*solarium*) was constructed in the bell tower and a window.

The Commissary, (with the assent of the parishioners,) received a fee of 3s. 4d., Master John de Wymbourne 3s. 4d., the proctor 2 - ; and for blessed bread 6s. 6d. was paid. At the end of the account the Wardens state :—that they have in hand (*debent*) £8 10s. 1½d.

The Accounts of the next year (1339-40) have been translated by some former investigator, whose M.S. copy is preserved with the original parchment roll. The most noteworthy entries relate to the building of a porch to the church.

In 1396 the live and dead stock have disappeared. The receipts amount only to £6 11s. 10d., and the expenditure to £6 7 6½d.

In 1440 the receipts were £12 17s. 6d., and the expenditure only 35s. 3d. The only charges mentioned are wax, 26s. 4d. ; blessed bread 4-4d., straw "against Christmas" 6d., a hook of iron for the church-yard gate called 'churche-stile,' for writing the account 12d. ; for washing the vestments for four years 2/-

A strip of parchment has a list (in latin) of the rents accruing to the church of Herne. Not dated, but 14. Century.

Part of a roll (undated) of churchwardens accounts 14th century.

A full translation of the 14th Century Accounts, and a list of other early documents, belonging to Church is given in the Appendix.

Class B are kept at the Vicarage in an iron box.

HERNE BAY, Christ Church.

Registers begin 1841.

Faculty 1880 for the Organ.

HERNE BAY, St. John.

Registers begin 1899.

HERNHILL, St. Michael.

A. ✓ 1. Mixed	1557-1653	X	7. Mars.	1813-1837	✓
2. "	1653-1740		8. Burs.	1813-1870	✓
✓ 3. "	1741-1809		9. Bapts.	1843-1877	✓
4. "	1810-1812		10. "	1877 - 1924	
5. Mars.	1753-1812	✓	11. Mars.	1837 - 1933	
6. Bapts.	1813-1842	X	12. Burs.	1870 - 1934	

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1563. — 1563 — 1924 —

No. 1 is a parchment book, containing Baptisms and Marriages to 1653, and Burials to 1647. — Mars 1933 —

In one Register is a list, with short notes, of Vicars.

Entries of Briefs are to be found in the Registers.

Registers kept in the Church.

B. 1. *Churchwardens' Accounts*, 1691 to the present time.
 2. *Overseers' Accounts*, 1691-1830.
 6. *Vestry Minute Book*, 1729 to the present time.
 9. *Tithe Map*, in the custody of the Vicar.
 10. *Deeds*. Several. } No particulars given.
 11. *Faculties*, Two. }

Class B kept at the Vicarage.

HINXHILL, St. Mary.

A. 1. Mixed	1577-1745	5. Burs.	1813
2. "	1722-1810	6. Mars.	1813-1836
3. Mars.	1756-1812	7. Mars.	1839
4. Bapts.	1813		

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1563.

No. 1 is a parchment book, bound in at the end are a few paper leaves containing copies of the certificates of burials in woollen.

There are many entries relating to the families of Edolph, and Steed.

Registers kept at the Church.

B. 1. *Churchwardens' Accounts*, 2 Vols. (a) 1694-1788, (b) 1794-1895
 Vol. 1 contains a memorandum that on 24 September, 1717 "Mrs. Martha Wade of Ashford, formerly the wife of Mr. John Coveney of this parish, gent., presented this parish with a silver flaggon markt with both their arms, and containing about two quarts, to be used in ye administration of the Lord's Supper." [See *Archæologia Cantiana* Vol. xvi. p. 414].
 3. *Waywardens' Accounts*, 2 Vols. (a) 1837-1886, (b) 1887 . . .
 7. *Inventories*, one, made when John Philpott was Vicar 1837-1895.
 9. *Tithe Map*, in the custody of the Rector. Map of the Glebe lands.
 10. *Deeds*, Leases of the Rectorial Tithes 1803 and 1824. Certificates of Extraordinary Tithe 1896.

13. *Charities*. A small 4to Book containing the annual accounts of Wade's Charity from 1743 to 1896.

Miscellaneous, a small 4to Book, inscribed "Hinxhill Rectory" containing an account of a perambulation of the parish in 1792, and notes on parochial matters and the income of the benefice, made c 1835, when Charles Deeds was rector.

HOATH, Holy Cross.

A.	1. Mixed 1554-1687	6. Burs. 1813
	2. " 1686-1728	7. Bapts. 1813-1870
	3. " 1729-1789	8. Mars. 1837
	4. " 1780-1812	9. Bapts. 1870
	5. Mars. 1813-1837	Banns Book 1754-1821

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1564.

No. 1 is a parchment book, the entries from 1554-1598 being transcripts made and attested by Robert Hunt, vicar. This book requires repair, and rebinding.

Registers kept at the Church.

B.	2. <i>Overseers' Accounts</i> , 1 Vol. 1794-1824.
	Assessment Books, 2 Vols. (a) 1824-1835), (b) 1847-67).
	Rate Books, 16 Vols. 1837-1868.
	3. <i>Waywardens' Accounts</i> , 1837-1863.
	5. <i>Brief Books</i> , 2 Vols., containing also Churchwardens' Accounts; a mixed Register 1695-1706; List of Waywardens 1707-1726; Briefs 1723-27; List of Chapel Wardens, Side-men and Overseers 1698-1727; Briefs 1726-1739; Pound Officers 1808-24.
	7. <i>Inventories</i> , one, 1759.
	9. <i>Tithe Map</i> in the custody of the Vicar.
	11. <i>Faculty</i> , one for the erection of a memorial window in 1905.
	13. <i>Charities</i> , one Vol. 1848-1865.

HOLLINGBOURNE, All Saints.

A.	1. Mixed 1556-1799	6. Burs. 1813-1852
	2. Mars. 1754-1812	7. Bapts. 1835
	3. Mixed 1800-1812	8. Mars. 1837
	4. Bapts. 1813-1834	9. Burs. 1852-1899
	5. Mars. 1813-1837	10. " 1899

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1569.

No. 1 is a parchment book 18 in. by 6 in.

Gaps:—No Marriages 1653-60, and other entries very few for the same period.

Registers kept in the Church.

B.	1. <i>Churchwardens' Accounts</i> :—4 Vols. (a) 1742 to 1814; (b) 1899-1903; (c) 1903-8; (d) 1908 to present day.
	6. <i>Vestry Minute Books</i> ,—2 Vols. 1810-40; 1840 to present time.
	7. <i>Inventory</i> , One of Church Plate (date not given).
	9. <i>Tithe Map</i> in the custody of the Vicar.

Class B kept in a Safe at the Church.

HOPE, All Saints.

Church in ruins.

This parish is now united with New Romney.

In 1569 there were four householders and twenty communicants.

In 1776 Charles Seymour in his Survey of Kent wrote :—" Nothing remains of the church but some ruinous walls."

A presentation was made at the Visitation of the Archdeacon of Canterbury in 1607 :—Mr. Stafford, our late parson kept our Register Book, and since his death, we have required it of his widow, but as yet we cannot have it; for she answered she hath sent away all her husband's books and whether it be among them she knoweth not, but if she can find it she will send it to us again :—(Vol. 56 (1597—1603) Part 2, fol. 124, in the Cathedral Library).

Henry Stafford was rector from 1589 until he died in 1606.

Note :—See under New Romney.

HOTHFIELD, St. Margaret.

A.	1. Mixed 1570-1725	7. Burs. 1813
	2. Burs. 1681-1759	8. Mars. 1837
	3. Mixed 1724-1812	9. Mars. 1837
	4. Mars. 1754-1812	10. Bapts. 1891
	5. Bapts. 1813-1891.	11. Banns 1754
	6. Mars. 1813-1835	

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1563.

In the period 1644-1660, the entries of Baptisms reach the usual average; marriages, during the years 1646-7 and 1648-9 are below the average; burials from 1640-1652 much below, and in the years 1657-8-9 unusually numerous.

Registers 1 and 2 contain Briefs 1660-1760

No. 3 is a transcript of baptisms, marriages and burials 1724-1798. The original register of baptisms 1726-1796, marriages 1726-1753 and burials 1760-1796 is lost.

Registers kept at the Rectory in a metal Deed Box.

B.

- 1. *Churchwarden's Books*. There are a number of loose sheets containing assessments, disbursements etc. from about 1700.
- 6. *Vestry Minute books*, 2 Vols. (1) 1842-1871. (2) 1871 onwards.
- 9. *Tithe Map* in custody of Rector; also maps showing land liable to extraordinary T.R.C. and of altered apportionment 1855; also terrier and inventory dated 1895.
- 11. *Faculty*, for Window 1913.
- 13. *Parish Charities*. Copy of Indenture relating to Earl of Thanet charities 1845. Charity Book 1831-51.

Class B kept at the Rectory.

HOUGHAM, St. Lawrence.

A. Registers begin 1659, no schedule of contents has been supplied, but there are in all 10 Volumes. Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1560. Registers kept at the Church.

B. The Vicar writes :—" There is a large box in the vestry containing old account books, but there is no list of its contents." Tithe map in the custody of the Vicar.

HOUGHAM, Christ Church.

New Parish. Registers begin 1844.

HUCKING, St. Margaret.

A. 1. Mixed 1556-1733 5. Bapts. 1813
 2. Mars. 1756-1795 6. Burs. 1813
 3. Bapts.
 & Burs 1740-1812 7. Mars. 1837
 4. Mars. 1818-1836

Gaps: No Baptisms 1733-40; no Marriages 1711-56; and no Burials 1712-41.

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1564.

No. 1 is a parchment book containing Baptisms 1556 to 1733; Marriages 1566 to 1711; and Burials 1566 to 1712.

Registers kept at the Rectory house Bicknor.

B. 1. *Churchwardens' Accounts* 1824 to 1877.
 2. *Overseers' Accounts* 1848-68.
 7. *Inventory of Church goods*, one dated 1615.
 8. *Terrier of the Glebe*, one (date not given).
 9. *Maps*. Tithe Map in the custody of the Rector.
 10. *Deeds*. Several relating to the National School.
 11. *Faculty*, one for memorial window, (date not given).

Class B kept in Fire-proof Safe at the Rectory.

HURST (or FAWKENHURST), St. Leonard.

Church destroyed.

There are no Registers. At the Visitation of Archbishop Parker in 1569 the following presentment was made:—"That there is no Register kept, nor no other things done." At that date the parishioners went to Aldington church. The parish is now united with Bonnington.

HYTHE.

A. 1. Mixed 1566-1780 10. Bapts. 1867-1900
 2. Burs. 1678-1782 11. Bapts. 1900
 3. Bapts. 1781-1812 12. Mars. 1837-1870
 4. Mars. 1754-1798 13. " 1870-1899
 5. Mars. 1798-1812 14. " 1899-1909
 6. Burs. 1813-1837 15. " 1909 } Duplicates
 7. Mars. 1813-1837 16. " 1909 }
 8. Bapts. 1813-1843 17. Burs. 1867

Gaps: No Burials 1609-1612, or 1642-1653.

One Book 1650-1781 is probably at Saltwood, the Mother parish. The Marriage Register shows a gap 1644-1653. From 1653-1660 entries of births were made by the Civil Registrar.

LIBRARY

No. 1 is a parchment book the earlier entries being transcripts from the original Book. The early Registers are in course of transcription by Col. R. J. Fynmore of Sandgate.

Transcripts in the Diocesan Registry begin 1564.

The Registers are kept in the Church.

B. 1. *Churchwardens' Accounts*. There are some very ancient Churchwardens' Accounts preserved amongst the Municipal Records but no schedule of them has been supplied. The Churchwardens' Accounts for the years 1412-13 are printed in *Archaeologia Cantiana* Vol. X. pp. 242-9. See also Report of the Historical MSS. Commission Vol. IV. Part I. and Appendix p. 429.

6. *Vestry Minute Books*. Several Volumes from 1725 to present time.

7. *Inventories of Church Goods*, Some of mediæval date preserved in the Parvise, (no particulars given).

9. *Maps*. Tithe Map in the custody of the Vicar.

10. *Deeds* etc. Many ancient deeds and documents are in the custody of the Hythe Corporation.

11. *Faculties*. Two, relating to Church restorations and dated, respectively, 1874 and 1887.

Records in Class B kept in the Parvise over the Church Porch.

ICKHAM, St. John the Evangelist.

A.	1. Mixed	1557-1698	6. Burs.	1813-1886
	2. Mixed	1698-1812	7. Mars.	} 1838
	3. Mars.	1754-1812	8. Mars.	
	4. Mars.	1813-1837	9. Bapts.	1859
	5. Bapts.	1813-1859	10. Burs.	1886

Transcripts in Diocesan Register begin 1570.

No. 1 is a parchment Book about 18 inches by 7 inches. On the inside of the front cover is written a list of the Rectors of the Parish from 1557 to 1874. On one of the later pages is entered a subscription list headed "The collexson in the parrish of Ickham given towards the redemtion of the Eingolis (English) slaves taken by the Torkes in the yeare 1671." At the foot of the opposite page is entered: "Colected for this Brefe in the p'ishe of Ickham by Mr. Lee Curat and John Word and Robert Bootle Churchwardens of the said p'ish the sume of five pounds fifteen shillings and fife pence and wee say colected towards the Redemsihon of the Captives in Argier the sume above writen and paide it the 11 of March 1670." On the last page is copied an extract from the will of John Denn giving 10/- a year to the poor of Ickham, and of a bequest from the wife of Richard Denn, for the preaching of two sermons a year on specified days. On the back of this page is a memorandum that Dr. Kingsley, rector in 1633, "hath distributed among the poor of the parish the sum of five shillings eight pence for a licence for the eating of flesh in Lent." There are two similar memoranda for 1636 and 1637.

No sponsors names seem ever to have been entered at the christenings. 1655 seems the only year in which 'born' is entered without mention of baptism.

No. 2 contains, on a flyleaf, at the beginning the result of a census of the Parish made in 1811; males 235, females 225, Total 460; and of another in 1821: males 273, females 248, Total 521.

On the last page of the book is a copy of the opinion of Ed. Simpson of Doctors' Commons, 1752, that the Rector of Ickham is entitled to all parochial emoluments due from the chapelry, "as he is collated to Ickham with the chappel of Well annexed." No. 1 contains an entry that in 1585: "John ffreman, sonne of Nycholas ffreman was buried at Well the fyft day of November."

The first few pages of all the entries in this Register appear to have been rewritten, over a faded ink.

Between 1653 and 1663 only one marriage and one burial are entered.

Vol. 1 above mentioned, contains transcripts of the original paper book up to 1598 and the pages are signed by Samuel Harlestone. From 1654-1663 entries are very irregular. Marriages and Burials are much as usual from 1644 to 1653; then one only till 1663.

The Registers are in fair condition; but several need rebinding. Registers kept in an iron Safe in the Vestry.

B. 1. *Churchwardens' Account-Books* 1806-1876.
 2. *Overseer's Account-Books*. There are 17 Rate Books of various dates.
 3. *Waywardens' Account-Books*, 1848-51 and 1852-3.
 6. *Vestry Minute Book*. The Poor Book 1832, is now the Vestry Book, the former one for 1819-32 was used in like manner
 7. *Inventories of Church goods*, one with Terrier.

Class B kept in a chest and a tin box, both at the church.

IVYCHURCH, St. George.

A. 1. Mixed 1715-1813* 4. Burs. 1813
 2. Mars. 1815-1836 5. Mars. 1839
 3. Bapts. 1813

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1564.

[*No earlier book was extant in 1813, see Parliamentary Return.]
 Registers kept at the Church.

B. 1. *Churchwardens' Accounts*, 1 Vol. of recent date.
 2. *Overseers' Accounts*, 1 Vol. 1785-1836. Also sundry Rate Books.
 9. *Tithe Map*, in the custody of the Rector.

Class B kept at the Church.

IWADE, All Saints.

A. 1. Mixed 1560-1781 5. Mars. 1813-1837
 2. " 1781-1812 6. " 1839
 3. Mars. 1758-1812 7. Burs. 1813
 4. Bapts. 1813

The Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1560.

No. 1 is a parchment book 16½ inches by 6½ inches. All the entries were made as they occurred, there being no separate headings.

Gaps: No Baptisms 1560 to 1589.

A copy of this Register was made in 1912, Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials being placed under their respective headings, with a reference to the page where they will be found in the original register.

The appointment of William Pound of Iwade, yeoman as " Parish Register " in 1653 is attested by Michael Livesey, J.P. He is notorious as one of the Regicides and resided at Shurland in Eastchurch.

Extract:—John Taylor, late Master of the King's Barge at King's Ferry, was buried 26th August 1667."

In this Register are some Briefs 1660 to 1670.

The Registers are kept in a fire-proof Safe at the Vicarage and are in good condition.

B. 1. *Churchwardens' Accounts*, 1804 to present time. This volume contains an account of monies derived from Charity lands, from 1855 to the present day.
6. *Vestry Minute Book*, 1 Vol. 1856 to present time.

Class B kept at the Vicarage.

KENNARDINGTON, St. Mary.

A.	1. Mixed 1546-1701	6. Mars. 1755-1812
	2. " 1705-1812	7. " 1814-1837
	3. Burs. 1678-1728	8. " 1840-1912
	4. " 1729-1813	9. Bapts. 1813-1912
	5. 1813-1912	

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1563.

No. 1 is a Parchment Book 16½ inches by 7 inches; and on the first page is a reference to the appointment of Richard Lightfoot, the rector, as Registrar in 1656.

In 1700 there is an entry of the burial of an excommunicated person without christian rites.

No. 2 is a paper book 14 inches by 6 inches, and on the first page there are the following entries:—

" This book was bought in the year 1705 by Henry Shaxby, church-warden of Kennardington."

" Richard Tysoe M.A., was presented to the Rectory of Kennardington, by Moyle Breton, Esq., September 19th, 1721."

" Stephen Morris was chosen Parish Clerk May 5th, 1739, which choice of mine was signified to ye Parishioners ye next Sunday following in ye time of Divine Service, according to ye Order of ye 91 Canon; by me, Hugh Show, curate of Kenarton, alias Kenardington."

Rich Tysoe, ob. June 6th, 1746.

Curteis Wightwick, A.M. Succeeded, de Bonington, Rector.

Curteis Wightwick A.M., Rector of this Parish and of Bonington in this County, buried at Willesborough, February 9th 1759. Requiescat in Pace.

Extracts from the Burial Register.

1777, February 15th. James Baker, a native of South Carolina.

1777, March 9th. Edward Oliver, who was accidentally drowned in a marl pit belonging to the Rev. M. Breton.

1809, June 6th. Joseph Rack soldier, of South Lincoln Militia found drowned in the Canal.

No. 3 is a Register of persons who were buried in Woollen. It also contains the account of Margaret Lowe's Charity.

There is one Banns Book, from 1824 to the present time.

Registers kept at the Church.

B. 1. *Churchwardens' and Overseers' Accounts*, 4 Vols., (a) 1642-1707. (b) 1664-1706. (c) 1757-1824. (d) 1824-1898.
 2. *Overseers' Accounts* 1815-1819.
 3. *Waywardens' Accounts*, 7 Vol. 1693-1712; 1837-1838; 1840-41; 1842-43; 1843-44; 1857-58; 1861-62.
 6. *Vestry Minutes*, some are to be found in the Churchwardens' Account Books.

Tithe Map, in the custody of the Rector.

13. *Record of Parochial Charities*, copy of Margaret Lowe's Will (made 1557).

KENNINGTON, St. Mary.

A. 1. Mixed 1671-1812 6. Bapts. 1813-1855
 2. " Woollen " Register 7. Bapts. 1855
 1678-1813 8. Mars. 1814-1837
 3. Mars. 1754-1815 9. Mars. 1837
 4. Burs. 1813-1892 10. Mars. 1837
 5. Burs. 1892-1814

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1564.

There is a gap in the Marriage entries 1712-1720.

Register 2. Pasted into this book are several original certificates of burial in Woollen, others have been copied in. They certify that the corpse "was not put in, wrapt or wound up and buried in any shirt, shift, sheet or shroud, made or mingled with flax, hemp, silk, hair, gold or silver" etc. These certificates also, in many cases state the trade of the deceased thus:—

1679. John Humfrey—" shovelmaker."

1689. Robert Hazelgrove—" Weaver."

1681. Robert Waters—" Hempdresser."

also, " William Kingsley, once a general, October 16th, 1769, on the 25th day of October 1769, I gave notice to my churchwardens that no affidavit had been brought to me within the time limited by law of Mr. William Kingsley's being buried in woollen according to the Act of Parliament."

Registers kept in the Church.

B. 1. *Churchwardens' Account Books* 2 Vols. (1) 1711-1790.
 (2) 1791-1840.
 2. *Overseers' Account Books* 4 Vols. (1) 1656-1692. (2) 1692-1727. (3) 1752-1781. (4) 1781-1801.

3. *Waywardens' Account Books.* 7 Vols. (1) 1735. (2)
1837. (3) 1838. (4) 1847. (5) 1853. (6) 1854. (7)
1856.
6. *Vestry Minute Book.* One from 1830 onwards.
8. *Terriers of Church lands*, two, no dates given.
9. *Tithe Map*, in custody of the Vicar.
13. *Parochial Charities*, Documents relating to Marshall's
Young's, Lake's, Jas. Brett's, Will Brett's, and Watt's
Charities.

Class B No. 13, and an enclosure award relating to the common
are kept by the clerk to the Parish Council, the remainder are in a
Deed-box in the Church.

KINGSDOWN, St. Katharine.

A. 1. Mixed 1560-1767 5. Mars. 1813-1837
2. " 1754-1783 6. " 1837
3. " 1784-1813 7. Burs. 1814
4. Bapts. 1813

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1564.

No. 1 is a parchment book of Baptisms from 1560; Marriages from
1583; and Burials from 1580.

The Registers are kept in the Church, Condition 'good' to 'fair.'

B. 1. *Churchwardens' Accounts*, 1 Vol. }
2. *Overseers' Accounts*, 1 Vol. } no dates supplied.
6. *Vestry Minute Book*, 1 Vol. }
9. *Tithe Map*, in the custody of the Rector.

Class B kept in the Church.

KINGSDOWN, St. John the Evangelist.

[Modern Parish].

A. 1. Bapts. 1850 2. Mars. 1855
3. Burs. 1850

Registers in good order and kept in a strong cupboard at Church.

B. Churchwarden's Accounts 1905.

KINGSNORTH, St. Michael.

A. 1. Mixed 1538-1790 6. Mars. 1813-1837
2. " 1791-1812 7. Burs. 1813
3. Burs. 1678-1748 8. Mars. 1837
4. Mars. 1754-1811 9. Bapts. 1880
5. Bapts. 1813-1880

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1558.

No. 1 is a parchment book 19 inches by 6 inches. The following
note made by J. Smith, curate of Kingsnorth, in 1813 when he was
preparing a return for the Parliamentary inquiry gives an account of the

contents of this Register :—“ Kingsnorth, month of May 1813. Agreeably to the late Act of Parliament, I have examined the parish Registers of Kingsnorth in the County of Kent and Diocese of Canterbury, and find as hereunder follows :—

The Date of Burials begins at the year 1538, that of Baptisms and marriages at 1539.

The Register of Baptisms follows in a regular succession from 1539 till you come to the year 1642, about which period it becomes much confused. The years begin now to be out of due order and displaced. The year 1648 is placed after 1650, and 1660 in part after 1662, and there appear to be many omissions between those dates. From 1662 the entries appear to be fully and regularly made down to the present time.

The Register of Marriages is to be traced with sufficient perspicuity from 1539 to the end of the year 1645, but I cannot find the entry of any more of them until the year 1663, at which period it is taken up again and regularly continued until the present time.

The Registry of Burials begins in the year 1538 and is kept forward in regular manner to 1642, when it is discontinued until 1650, and from thence there appears no further entry until 1662, from which year it is brought down in due succession to the present time.

J. Smith, Curate of Kingsnorth aforesaid.”

Registers kept at the Rectory. No. 1 requires repair and rebinding.

B.

- 1. *Churchwardens' Accounts* 1609–1686.
- 3. *Waywardens' Accounts*, 1695–1704.
- 6. *Vestry Minute Book*, one of recent date.
- 7. *Inventory of Church goods*, one, and two *Terriers*.
- 9. *Maps*. *Tithe Map* in the custody of the Rector.

Records in Class B are kept partly in the Church and partly at the Rectory.

KINGSTON, St. Giles.

A.

1. Mixed	1558–1746	5. Bapts.	1813–1908
2. „	1744–1812	6. Burs.	1813
3. Mars.	1754–1812	7. Mars.	1837
4. „	1813–1837	8. Bapts.	1908

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1561.

Register 1 is a parchment book. The entries between 1644–1660 are below the average of other years.

In Register No. 2 there are many notes and memoranda relating principally to repairs and alterations made to the fabric of the Church in 1846, 1873, 1881, 1882, 1886, and 1897, also, an *Inventory of Church Goods*, 1814.

Registers kept in an iron Safe at the Rectory.

B.

- 1. *Churchwardens' Accounts*. 1819–1877.
- 3. *Waywardens' Accounts*. 1855–1859.
- 6. *Vestry Minute Books*. 2 Vols. (1) 1819–1854. (2) 1854.
- 7. *Inventory of Church Goods*. One (recent).
- 8. *Terrier of Church lands*. One (recent).
- 9. *Tithe Map*, in the custody of the Rector.
- 10. *Deeds*, some relating to Payler's Charity.
- Miscellaneous*. Rector's Tithe Account Books 1771–1801.

Class B kept at the Rectory.

KNOWLTON, St. Clement.

A. 1. Mixed 1711-1749	5. Bapts. 1813
2. " 1750-1812	6. Burs. 1813-1904
3. Mars. 1756-1807	7. Mars. 1838
4. " 1815-1838	

Transcripts in Diocesan Register begin 1569.

There is no record of the earlier Registers. The books that now exist are in good condition and are kept at the Church in an iron Safe.

B. There are no books under this head except a modern Vestry book.

LANGDON, EAST, St. Augustine.

A. 1. Mixed 1560-1740	5. Mars. 1813-1837
2. " 1741-1812	6. Burs. 1813-
3. Mars. 1765-1812	7. Mars. 1837-
4. Bapts. 1813-1879	8. Bapts. 1879-

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1558.

Gaps: No marriages 1644-1648.

No. 1 is a parchment book the entries to 1598 being transcripts from an earlier register.

No. 2 contains many entries relating to the parish of West Langdon down to the year 1835.

No. 3 contains a memd. headed "A Parish affair of Consequence," relative to a dispute between the Churchwardens and Overseers of East Langdon and the parish officers of St. Margaret's-at-Cliffe concerning their respective liabilities for the maintenance of the Poor of the parish of Oxney.

Registers kept at the Church.

B.

- 1. *Churchwardens' Accounts*, 2 Vols., (a) 1739-1856, (b) 1857-.
- 6. *Vestry Minutes*, 1 Vol. from 1883.
- 7. *Inventories*, one dated December 1895.
- 9. *Maps*, Tithe Map in the Rector's custody. Ground plan and elevation of the Church, 1892.
- 10. *Deeds*, Ecclesiastical Commissioners to Incumbent granting tenths and pensions (14s. 4d.) 5 Nov., 1885.
- 11. *Faculties*, Three (a) 1877 for erection of memorial window. (b) 1892 for erection of tower. (c) 1892 for erection of memorial window.
- 13. *Charities*, Records relating to Coleman's charity.

Class B kept partly at the Church and partly at the Rectory.

LANGDON, WEST, St. Mary.

A. The earliest Register is said to begin 1593.*

*[The returns of 1813 and 1833 both say 1590.]

There are 5 Vols. in all, but no schedule of contents has been supplied.

The earliest Register suffered much from fire and water, when the Church was burnt down at the end of the last century. It has since been carefully repaired and rebound. Many entries relating to inhabitants of this parish occur in the Registers of East Langdon.

Registers kept at the Church.

B. 2. *Overseers' Accounts*, 2 Vols. 1740–1768.
 7. and 8. *Inventory and Terrier*, dated 1895.
 9. *Tithe Map* in the custody of the Rector.
 11. *Faculty*, one for the Coleman memorial window, 1898.

Class B kept at the Church.

LANGLEY, St. Mary.

A. 1. Mixed 1664–1701 4. Bapts. 1813–1896
 2. Burs. 1678–1755 5. Mars. 1814–1886
 3. Bapts. } 1756–1812 6. Burs. 1813–1914
 & Burs.

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1563.

B. 6. *Vestry Minute Book*, 1865 to present time.
 8. Copy of a Terrier dated 1615.
 9. *Tithe Map* in the Rector's custody.

LEAVELAND, St. Laurence.

A. 1. Mixed 1553–1793 4. .. 1813–1837
 2. Bapts. } 1794–1813 5. Mars. 1837
 & Burs. } 1794–1813 6. Bapts. 1813
 3. Mars. 1766–1811 7. Burs. 1814

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1563.

No. 1 is a parchment book 13½ in. by 6 in., and on the first page is written:—"The Register book of the Parish of Leaveland of Christenings, Weddings and burials from the yere of our. Lord God 1553, truely copied out of the old book the first day of June 1598."

(signed) Mro. Guillamo Covel, rectore.
 Georgio Pemble, guardiano.

This Register contains Baptisms 1558 to 1713, but there are no entries 1645–56, one entry in 1657, and then none until 1669. Marriages 1554 to 1644, when this note follows:—"In ye late troubles this booke was lost and not found till ye yeare 1663, when it first came into ye hands of Mr. William Bagnall, rector, who from yt. time hath set dowe ye Christenings, Weddings and Burials in their due place and order." After this are Marriages 1663 to 1749; Baptisms 1714 to 1793; Burials 1553 to 1644, with no entries from 1645 to 1662; followed by entries 1663 to 1779, and on the last page of the Register are the Burials from 1779 to 1793.

On a slip of paper in this Register is a note—that the Chest was forced open in 1843, and that the Register was exposed to the rain which obliterated some parts.

Registers kept in the Church.

B. (No particulars supplied).

LEEDS, St. Nicholas.

A.	1. Mixed	1557-1758	7. Mars.	1813-1837
	2. "	1689-1795	8. Burs.	1813-1864
	3. Mars.	1754-1812	9. Mars.	1837
	4. Burs.	1759-1812	10. Bapts.	1846-1882
	5. Bapts.	1796-1812	11. Burs.	1865
	6. "	1813-1846	12. Bapts.	1882

The Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1563.

No. 1 is a parchment book 13 in. by 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ in., and contains Baptisms 1557 to 1689; Marriages 1557 to 1691; and Burials 1557 to 1758. The Baptisms 1650-61 were evidently entered after the Restoration, as they do not run consecutively. From 1643-63 there are only four marriages entered, though previous to and after those dates the average was about four each year. From 1644-61 there are only twelve Burial entries, and these were evidently made at a later date. At the end of this Register is a list of the Curates of Leeds, and of the Churchwardens and Sidesmen.

No. 2 is a parchment book 12 ins. by 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ in., of the Baptisms, from 1689 to 1795; and Marriages, 1691 to 1759, but the entries 1754-9 are duplicates of those in No. 3. It contains also a list of vestments, books, vessels, etc., belonging to the church in 1773.

Registers kept in the Church.

B.

1. *Churchwardens' Accounts* :—4 Vols., (a) 1682-1718; (b) 1722-1776; (c) 1777-1855; (d) 1855 to present time.
2. *Overseers' Accounts* :—5 Vols., 1656-85; 1685-1705; 1705-20; 1720-57; 1758-77.
3. *Waywardens' Accounts* :—1701-1735.
Gaol Rate Book 1817-32.
6. *Vestry Minute Book* 1865 to present time.
7. *Inventory of Church goods* (date not given).
9. *Tithe Map*, in the custody of the Vicar.
10. *Deeds*, one relating to Elizabeth Cassier's Charity for Hollingbourne, Leeds, and Broomfield, dated 1684.
Conveyance and Tithe Deed of Church Institute, 1897.
11. *Faculties* :—(1) For side chapel and window, 1908; (2) For door to the Vestry 1912.

Class B kept in the Church, and have suffered somewhat from damp.

LENHAM, St. Mary.

A.	1. Mixed	1558-1774	8. Burs.	1813-1859
	2. "	1774-1797	9. Bapts.	1836-1868
	3. "	1797-1812	10. Mars.	1837-1892
	4. Mars.	1754-1791	11. Burs.	1859-1913
	5. "	1791-1812	12. Bapts.	1868-
	6. Bapts.	1813-1836	13. Mars.	1892-
	7. Mars.	1813-1837		

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1564.

No. 1 is a Parchment book 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. by 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ in., rebound, in leather, in the year 1824; and contains Baptisms and Burials to 1774 and Marriages to 1754.

On the first page is the following inscription:—"The Register booke of Lenham of all Christnings, Mariages and Burialls synce the beginninge of the Reigne of our most gracious Soveraigne Lady Elizabeth by the grace of God of England France and Ireland Queene Defender of the faythe, etc., Accordinge to the Cannons agreed upon in the parliament held in xxxixth yeare of her most happy raigne." After giving the order of the book it continues—"The Minister Churchwardens and Sydmen must subscribe there names to all suche Christnings Mariages and burialls as are celebrated in every yeare before a trew copy be taken out of the same. And yt is to be remembred that at the Archdeacons Visitation which comonly hee houldeth oboute Easter, the Churchwardens of the yeare paste are to put into his office at that Visitation a true copye of all Mariages Christnings and burialls for one whole yeare begining and endeynge the xxvth day of March where unto the Minister and Churchwardens hands are to be subscribed. And at the Visitation helde aboute Michellmas the like copye of this register muste be sent into the Archbischopps Courte of Consistorye beginning at Michellmas and endinge the Michellmas twelemonth."

During the Great Rebellion and Commonwealth Lenham Church was much resorted to for weddings by persons outside the parish.

The Publications of Banns of Marriage are entered in this Register from 19 March 1653 to November 1659. In the margin at the beginning of these Banns of Marriage is the following note: "A pox take old Wilkinson: Causa sine qua non. J.N." He seems to have been Richard Wilkinson the magistrate before whom persons were "dulie married" in those troublous times.

No. 2 is a paper book of Baptisms and Burials 1774 to 1797.

No. 3 is a parchment book of Baptisms and Burials 1797 to 1812. In the middle of this Register are references to Robins's Charity made by Charles Parkin (vicar of the parish), in 1846 and again in 1860. The gift by Charles Parkin of a silver gilt paten and a metal almsdish in 1846. Also references made by Charles Parkin to the building of the National Schools in 1851 at a cost of £673; to the opening of an organ (cost £111) in 1851; to the taking down of the gallery at the west end of the church; the tower opened out, and the large door, and open seats put at the west end, and in St. Edmund's Chapel in 1851, at a total cost of £200; the repairing of the buttresses of the tower and church in 1852, at a cost of £70; the repairing of the chancel, re-building the eastern wall from the foundation, inserting three new windows and filling with stained glass, and also restoring the stalls in 1857, at a total cost of £320; the consecration of additional burial ground in 1860, the fencing, etc., costing £136; cleaning the inside of the church in 1860 at a cost of £30; re-flooring and re-seating the church in 1861, at a cost of £70 by rate; and further re-flooring and reseating in 1862; large chalice and silver paten re-melted and made into a flagon in 1864, cost £18. (See *Archæologia Cantiana*, Vol. xxvi. p. 236); the re-roofing of the chancel in 1867; silver gilt paten given by Charles Parkin in 1869. Many other repairs and alterations in the following years.

No. 4 is the Register Book for Marriages provided in accordance with Lord Hardwick's Act in 1754. Written on the first page is—"An act of Surplice Fees due to the minister of Lenham." At the end of them are the following—"Funeral sermon if the Text is chose £1 1s., if not 10s. 6d."

There are four Volumes of Banns Books, 1823 to 1913.

Registers kept at the Vicarage.

B. 1. *Churchwardens' Accounts* :— 3 vols., 1772 to 1795 ; 1846 to 1891 (this also contains the Vestry minutes) (1891 to the present time).
 2. *Overseers' Accounts*, 1791 to 1829.
 6. *Vestry Minute Book*, see above No. 1.
 7. *Inventory* of church goods. One (Modern).
 8. *Terriers*, of church lands. Three (dates not given).
 9. *Tithe Map*, in the custody of the Vicar.
 11. *Faculties*, Two (1) for a stained glass window, 1903 ; (2) for using part of the churchyard to widen the road, 1913.

LEYSDOWN, St. Clement.

A.	1. Mixed	1701-1812	4. Mars.	1837
	2. Mars.	1757-1813	5. Bapts.	1813
	3. ..	1813-1836	6. Burs.	1813

Registers kept at the Church.

B. 1. *Churchwardens' Accounts*. 2 Vols. (a) 1757-1817. (b) 1817.
 2. *Overseers' Accounts*, Several Volumes, 1758 onwards.
 3. *Waywardens' Accounts*. 1770-1823.
 5. *Briefs*. Some are entered on the inside of the cover of
 Register No. 1.
 6. *Vestry Book*. 1 Vol. (date not given), contains an In-
 ventory of Church Goods, and Records of Parochial
 Charities.
 9. *Maps*. Tithe Map in the Vicar's custody.

Class B kept at the Church.

LINTON, St. Nicholas.

A.	1. Mixed	1558-1681	7. Burs.	1813-1860
	2. ,	1681-1774	8. Mars.	1837-
	3. Mars.	1754-1812	9. Bapts.	1843-1878
	4. Mixed	1774-1812	10. Burs.	1860-
	5. Mapt.	1813-1843	11. Bapts.	1878-
	6. Mars.	1813-1837		

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1563.

No. 1 is a parchment book of forty-two leaves, and was rebound in 1890, and has bound up with it four pages of a mediæval Missal. This Register was copied to the end of 1598 by Henry Ley, vicar of Linton, as stated on the last page of the copy. The delivery of copies of the entries are carefully recorded to the Commonwealth time. Archbishop Laud's injunctions with regard to entering the Christian names of both parents was observed. From 1644 to 1653 Baptisms were less frequent, curiously, several from Marden. From 1653 to 1660, only births were entered. During the Commonwealth, marriages were less frequent and those mostly of parties from other parishes. William Morgan was "Register," during his period of office there were nine publication of banns, but only three marriages. Burials were carefully entered during the civil period of registration.

In 1756 is recorded the burial of a Hanoverian Officer.

In 1756 during the war with France for the American Colonies, 12,000 Hanoverian troops and Hessian soldiers were encamped on Coxheath, which is in this and the adjoining parishes. In 1778 during the American War of Independence, 15,000 men were encamped here; and again in 1798 and 1805. The registers of Lenham and the adjoining parishes give evidence of these latter camps.

Registers kept in the Church.

B.

1. *Churchwardens' Accounts*, none earlier than 19th century.
2. *Overseers' Accounts*, 1711 to 1832.
Rate Book 1836. List of Land owners, 1841.
6. *Vestry Minute Book*. 1765 to 1836.
9. *Tithe Map* in the custody of the Vicar.

Class B kept in a locked oak-chest in the Church.

LITTLEBOURNE.

A.

1. Mixed	1559-1683	6. Burs.	1813-1870
2. Mixed	1684-1812	7. Burs.	1870
3. Mars.	1754-1812	8. Bapts.	1813-1845
4. Mars.	1813-1837	9. Bapt.	1845-1881
5. Mars.	1837	10. Bapts.	1881

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1560.

The Registers are in good condition and are kept in the iron Safe in the Church.

B.

1. *Churchwardens' Account Books*. 2 Vols. (1) From 1570 to 1605. (2) From 1847 to date.
2. *Overseers' Account Books*, from 1868; and 39 vols. of Rate Books.
3. *Waywardens' Account Books*, 20 vols.
6. *Vestry Minute Book*, from 1851 to date.
7. *Inventory of Church Goods*, 1913.
9. *Maps*. Tithe Map and altered apportionments in the custody of the Vicar.
11. *Faculties*. 1894 Lych Gate. 1896 Porch and window. 1899 Restoring Bells.
13. *Parish Charities*. Two Boards in the Church give particulars relating to the Pain, Durrant, Slayden, Franklyn, and Pembrook Charities.

The Records under Class B are kept in an iron chest in the Belfry.

LOOSE, All Saints.

A.

1. Mixed	1559-1691	8. Bapts.	1843-1861
2. ,	1691-1784	9. Burs.	1849-
3. Mars.	1754-1812	10. Mars.	1838-
4. Bapts.	1785-1812	11. Bapts.	1861-1884
& Burs.		12. ,	1884-1911
5. Bapts.	1813-1843	13. ,	1911-
6. Burs.	1813-1849		
7. Mars.	1813-1837		

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin in 1564.

No. 1 is a parchment book 13½ inches by 6 inches, and has been transcribed by the vicar (Rev. W. Gardner Waterman). On the first page is written:—"Registrum-p'ochialis ecclesiae de Loose Cantuariens' dioces', ad nomina baptisatorum nubentim et mortuorum inferenda, et infra eandem p'ochiam applicandam anno dni 1559 et anno. regni reginae Elisabethae Dei gra Angliae, Franciae et Hyberniae reginae."

The following entries appear among the Baptisms:—"Anno. Dom. 1643. Thomas Gilbert; Minister. I came to Loose April 20; 1643." Also the appointment of Abraham Page as "Register," 19 October, 1653.

Between 1653 and 1657 inclusive, 58 couples were married by Richard Beale, a Justice of the Peace, many belonging to neighbouring parishes.

This Register contains the Burials to 1693.

In No. 4, a parchment book of Baptisms and Burials, is the following note:—"An account of the number of Persons and Houses as taken in May 1786 in the parish of Loose by the Rev. James Andrew, curate, and Mr. Thomas Charlton. Houses 104, Persons 469." A Census taken in 1811 gives:—Houses and Families 152. Inhabitants 868—Males 401, Females 467. In 1831:—Inhabitants 1061, inhabited houses 213, empty 7, in building 1."

Registers kept at the Vicarage.

- B. 1. *Churchwardens' Accounts**:—7 Vols. 1613–1913 except for the years 1812–28; also a few earlier leaves (one of 1552), bound up in the first volume.
- 2. *Overseers' Accounts*:—10 Vols. 1625–1836, except the years 1800–11.
- 3. *Waywardens' Accounts*:—Four Volumes 1761–1836.
- Surveyors' Accounts*:—Twelve Volumes 1841–52; 1856–59.
- Highway Rate Books*:—1837–60.
- Watching Rate Books*:—1843–52.
- 6. *Vestry Minute Books*. Eight Volumes, 1729, to present day.
- 7. *Inventory of Church Goods*. One (date not given).
- 9. *Tithe Map*, in the Custody of the Vicar.
- 11. *Faculty*, for Memorial window 1902.
- 13. *Parish Charities*, Papers realating to the Field, Lewin, Penfold, and Moore Charities.

Class B kept at the Church.

*The entries relating to the Church Bells, from 1615 to 1778 are printed in Stahlschmidt's "Church Bells of Kent," p. 334–41.

LUDDENHAM (with Stone), St. Mary.

A. ✓ 1. Mixed 1554–1772	✓ 5. Mars. 1838
✓ 2. „ 1773–1812	✓ 6. Burs. 1813–
✓ 3. Mars. 1754–1812	✓ 7. Bapts. 1813–1880
✓ 4. „ 1813–1837	✓ 8. „ 1880

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1568.

No. 1 is a parchment book, divided into two parts:—(1) Entries of the Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials as they occurred to 1654, with a separate parchment cover taken from a page (? calendar) of a mediaeval Service Book. (2) Mixed entries to 1772.

On the first page is written:—"Luddenham Register Book. This Register following is truly copied of the old Register booke of Luddenham and conferred together nothing added or left out that concerneth the Records of Baptysings, buryalls marriages or other thing pertayning to the church or parlsh. By me Peter Jacobson, clerk, Rect. eccle. Lud. 1598."

Then follow the names and surnames of certain [sic] found by Georg Bassett, clerk, parson of Luddenham there in certayne old papers which by him are gathered and registerd here as many as could bye any manes by him be learned of such as were Christined maryed and buryed sythens the 30 day of October 1547."

After the year 1553 is recorded:—"from this present yere until 1560 can be found nothing remembered nor written."

On page 40 is entered the induction of four rectors:—

John Priestlay, 17th January 1618.

Samuel Wilkinson, 19th August 1623.

Jacobus Gentleman, 30th July 1638.

Nathanael Newburgh, 8th May 1645, presented by the Great Seal of England on the 18th day of November next preceeding in the year 1644.

"Bello plusquam civili inter Regios et Parliamentarios per plurimam partem Angliae horribiliter grassante Bene Vixi quia bene Latui. Domino Exercituum Deo Forti, Deo Liberatori, Deo Servatori, Deo Pacifico, Gratias."

Page 41 begins the second part of this Register with—"Publications of Matrimonial Banns of Intended Marriages in the Parish of Luddenham. The first entry is in 1654.

Then on page 43 is written:—"Luddinham. This Register contains part of the old Register transcribed by me Nathanael Newburgh, Rector of Luddenham, and sworne Register of the parish, and it begins at the yeare 1644."

This part contains Baptisms 1644-58, then mixed entries to 1772.

Note:—In the Luddenham Registers are entries relating to parishioners of Stone near Faversham.

Registers kept at the Rectory.

B. 1. *Churchwardens' Accounts* from 1764 to the present day. At the end of this book are the minutes of a Vestry Meeting 13th November 1807, recording that:—"Whereas the Steeple and part of the Church and Chancel of the said Parish have lately fallen down, and upon an estimate made by Mr. William Moss, architect, it appears that the sum of £500 will be necessarily required to rebuild the same and to restore the Pulpit, Reading Desk, and Pews, which have been destroyed." It was decided to carry out the work and levy a rate of 2/- in the £.

6. *Vestry Minute Book*, 1861 to present time.
8. *Terrier* of Church lands, one.
9. *Tithe Map*. (?)
10. Faculty for restoring a window (date not given).

Class B kept at the Church in the ancient Parish Chest dated 1638.

LYDD, All Saints.

A.	1. Mixed 1540-1807	6. Burials 1864-1913
	2. " 1754-1846	7. Bapts. 1873-1886
	3. Burs. 1813-1864	8. " 1886-
	4. Mars. 1837-1882	9. Mars. 1883-1904
	5. Bapts. 1846-1873	10. " 1905-

Gaps: It is stated that during the curacy of the Rev. John Goodwin 1756-97, there were omissions.

Transcripts in the Diocesan Registry begin in 1570.

No. 1 is a parchment book containing:—

Baptisms 1542 to 1799.

Marriages 1542 to 1807.

Burials 1540 to 1799.

On the first page is written:—"The Church of Lydd was adorned and beautified as it is with paintings and writings, at the proper costs and charges of John Marketman in October 1615, he being then Church-warden. Thomas Greenfield, Curate."

An interesting account is given of the visit of King George I. to Lydd, 7 January 1724-5, by Henry Wood "then Curate."

No. 1 is kept in a Fire-proof Safe in the Town Hall the remainder in the statutable iron box in the Church.

B.	1. <i>Churchwardens' Accounts</i> 1520-1574.*
	5. <i>Briefs</i> . A few Briefs are copied in the earliest Register.
	7. <i>Inventory of Church Goods</i> . 1895.
	8. <i>Terrier of church lands</i> . 1895.
	9. <i>Tithe Map</i> . Kept at the Town Hall.
	13. <i>Records of Parochial Charities</i> . Copies of the Wills of Thomas Harte and Clement Barling.

Class B are kept at the Town Hall.

*The churchwardens' accounts 1520-58 were transcribed by Miss M. M. Hardy, and with the Chamberlains' Accounts from 1428, are printed in *Records of Lydd*, edited by Mr. Arthur Finn in 1911.

LYDDEN, St. Mary.

A.	1. Mixed 1540-1685	5. Burs. 1814-1843
	2. " 1686-1812	6. Bapts. 1813.
	3. Mars. 1754-1812	7. Mars. 1838
	4. " 1814-1837	

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1563.

Gaps: No Baptisms 1554-1561, 1599-1607, 1630-1638. No Marriages 1644-1670.

No. 1 is a parchment copy of the original paper book made when Edward Parke was Vicar 1594-1637.

The Registers have been transcribed—in part—by the Rev. T. S. Frampton of Dover. They are in good condition, and are kept in an iron Safe at the Vicarage.

B. 1. *Churchwardens' Accounts*. 1 Vol. 1711-1794.
 8. *Terrier of Church lands*, one 1902.
 9. *Tithe Map*, in the custody of the Vicar.

Class B kept at the Vicarage, in a tin box.

LYMINGE.

A.	1. Mixed 1679-1766	7. Burs. 1813-1871
	2. " 1767-1813	8. Bapts. 1851-1897
	3. Mars. 1754-1795	9. Burs. 1871
	4. " 1795-1812	10. Bapts. 1897
	5. Bapts. 1813-1857	11. Mars. 1837
	6. Mars. 1812-1841	

The earlier Registers are in the Library of the British Museum, *viz.*, Births from 1544, Burials from 1538, and Marriages from 1665.

Transcripts in the Diocesan Registry begin 1584.

The Registers are kept in the Church, all are in good condition except No. 1 which is described as "fair."

B. 1. *Churchwardens' Accounts*, 2 Vols., (a) 1720-1754, (b) 1757-1800.
 2. *Overseers' Accounts*, 3 Vols., (a) 1744-1764; (b) 1799-1815; (c) 1829-1835.
 6. *Vestry Minute Books*, 3 Vols., (a) 1735-1763; (b) 1815-1855; (c) 1897-1914.
 7. *Inventories of Church Goods*.
 There is an inventory of Church Goods dated 6th Edward VI. preserved in the Diocesan Registry at Canterbury. (See also Appendix.)
 9. *Maps. etc., Tithe Map*, in the custody of the Rector.

Class B kept in the Church.

LYMPNE, St. Stephen, with WEST HYTHE, St. Mary.

A.	1. Mixed 1617-1755	6. Burs. 1813-1873
	2. " 1736-1812 (W. Hythe)	7. Mars. 1813-1836
	3. Mars. 1754-1812	8. Mars. 1837-
	4. Mixed 1755-1812	9. Bapts. 1845-
	5. Bapts. 1813-1845	10. Burs. 1874-

Also two volumes of Burials in Woollen:—(1) 1678-1756, (2) 1758-1781, paper books, damaged by damp.

Banns Books, 2 Vols. (1) 1856-1909, (2) 1909.

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin

No. 1 is a parchment book 14½ in. by 6 in., on the cover is "This Book was bought by Richard Jenkins, Churchwarden of Limpne, anno domini 1617."

On p. 1 "A note of the times prohibited restraining from marriage as I received it from Mr. John Emptage, vicar of Postling, who had it of Mr. Thomas Sanford of Newington, and he from Hales esteemed one of the sufficient Proctors yt professed in the Court Ecclesiastical, and is agreeing with Linwood. Marriage is out although the banns be published from Advent Sunday till eight days after the Epiphanie. From Septuagesima Sunday till the Sunday after Easter both Sundays included, and from Rogation Sunday till Trinity Sunday included. By Richard Jaggard, Vicar." To which vicar Henry Bagnall has added the following note:—"We have no such Rules as the foregoing in the Church of England, Marriage is lawful let Linwood and the Proctors say what they will about certain times prohibited." Vicar Bagnall has made several notes in this Register relating chiefly to his predecessors in the benefice which will be found in the appendix to the present volume.

No. 2 is the Register of the destroyed Church of St. Mary, West Hythe. Inscribed on the cover is "The Register Book of West Hythe bought by Stephen Fenn, Churchwarden A Dni 1736. Mr. John Sacket, minister of Folkestone was then Vicar. The occasional offices were then performed by Henry Bagnall, Vicar of Lympne. At the antient salary of forty shillings per annum, as for an hundred years past and more by the minister of Lymne." And, on the inside of the Cover "West Hythe Register for Christenings and Baptisms and Burials. There being no Church, marriages are solemnized in the Church of Lympne."

Registers kept at the Vicarage.

- B. 1. *Churchwardens' Accounts*, 4 Vols.
 - (1) 1718-1818 (West Hythe), (2) 1734-1784 (Lympne),
 - (3) 1784-1870, (4) 1870.
- 2. *Overseers' Books*, 20 Vols. from 1677 to 1853.
- 3. *Waywardens' Books*, 1 Vol., 1787-1804, 15 Vols. xixth Century.
- 5. *Briefs*: Some are entered in one of the Charity Books.
- 6. *Vestry Minute Books*, 3 Vols, (1) 1749-1837, (2) 1845-1879, (3) 1800.
- 9. *Maps. etc.*, 2 Tithe Maps (Lympne, and W. Hythe) in the custody of the Vicar.
- 10. *Deeds*. A box of deeds from 1640 onwards relating to Finch's and other parochial Charities.
Several amended apportionments. Extraordinary T.R.C., certificate of Capital value 1888.
Copy of the Will of Pantry 1587.
Copy of the Will of John Finch 1697.
Letter from Whitehall about making the "Wet ditch" (Military Canal) 1804.
Lympne National School, Conveyance of site for School Master's house, 1872.
Indenture of agreement for partition of lands in Lympne and Newchurch, and award relative to the same 1808.
Mortgage to Q.A.B. for £500, 1856.
- 11. *Faculty*, one, for Lych Gate, 1908.
- 13. *Records of Parochial Charities*, 5 paper books in parchment covers containing the Accounts of the Finch, Heyman, Knott, Pantry, and White Charities. In the earliest book, which begins 1612, will be found a list of Parish Officers from 1612 to 1717.

Class B kept in a Safe in the Vicarage, and in a wooden chest in the Church.

MAIDSTONE, All Saints.

A.	1.	Mixed	1542-1553	26.	Mars.	1821-1829
	2.	"	1558-1642	27.	Bapts.	1823-1827
	3.	Burs.	1558-1640	28.	Burs.	1823-1832
	4.	Bapts.				
		& Mars.	1628-1707	29.	Bapts.	1827-1832
	5.	Burs.	1640-1684	30.	Mars.	1829-1835
	6.	"	1678-1715	31.	Bapts.	1832-1836
	7.	"	1684-1731			
		(duplicate)		32.	Burs.	1832-1841
	8.	Bapts.				
		& Mars.	1707-1738	33.	Mars.	1835-1837
	9.	Bapts.	1732-1780	34.	Bapts.	1836-1840
	10.	Burs.	1732-1780	35.	Mars.	1837-1840
	11.	Mars.	1739-1754	36.	"	1840-1844
	12.	"	1754-1762	37.	Bapts.	1841-1852
	13.	"	1762-1771	38.	Burs.	1841-1854
	14.	"	1771-1782	39.	Mars.	1844-1849
	15.	Bapts.	1781-1808	40.	"	1849-1856
	16.	Burs.	1781-1812	41.	Bapts.	1853-1869
	17.	Mars.	1782-1791	42.	Burs.	1854 (in use)
	18.	"	1791-1800	43.	Mars.	1856-1864
	19.	"	1800-1805	44.	"	1864-1880
	20.	"	1805-1812	45.	Bapts.	1869-1886
	21.	Bapts.	1809-1813	46.	Mars.	1880-1903
	22.	"	1813-1818	47.	Bapts.	1886-1906
	23.	Mars.	1813-1821	48.	Mars.	1903
	24.	Burs.	1813-1823	49.	Bapts.	1906
	25.	Bapts.	1818-1823			

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1576.

No. 1 is a paper book 12 in. by 9 in., and stated by the late Rev. J. Cave-Browne in his Volume of "Maidstone Marriages 1542-1754" to be a Transcript; but the Rev. Canon G. M. Livett, F.S.A., considers it to be the original paper book.

The entries are signed by Sir John Porter to the 24 March 1549 and from that date to the end of the book by Thomas Pyne.

On the first page is written:—"The Regystre off the Collegette Churche of All Saynts in Maydeston in the wiche be wryten and contayned all and synglre as well the Propre names as the surnames off them that have be Wedded, Christened, and buried within the sayed Paryssh from the third day off September in the xxxiiii yeare off the reygne off the moste excellent Prynce Henry by the Grace off God Kynge off Englande, off Fraunce and off Irelande, and in erthe supreme heid under Christe off the Churche off Englande and Irelande."

The first entry is:—"A.D. 1542. From the thirde daye off September inclusive unto the x daye off the same moneth exclusive; none were wedded. By me Sir John Porter parishe priest, in the P'sence of Richard Basse one off the churchwardens." There are seven of these entries and the first marriage was George Myller and Margaret Potkyn on the 22 October in the same year.

No. 2 is a parchment book of Baptisms and Marriages.

No. 4 is a parchment book of the Baptisms and Marriages. And between 1643 and 1653 the number of Marriages were much below the average.

This Register contains the ordinance which constituted marriage a civil contract and is headed on page 5:—"The 29th day of September, 1653. Henry Pierce of the Towne of Maidstone in the Countie of Kent beinge chosen by the Parishioners to be Register for the saide Towne and Parish was this day sworne before me John Sanders, Maior of the same Towne and Parish and Justice of the Peace there; and I doe approve of him to bee Register according to an Act of this present Parliament instituted an act touching Marriages, and Registering thereof and also touching Births and Burials."

John Sanders, Maior.

The Baptisms, publication of Banns, and the Marriages 1653-1659 inclusive, were entered in the Church Registers, and the entries of the Civil Marriages were signed by the mayor or a Justice of the Peace before whom the service was performed, as the case may be.

On the 28 December 1657 is the entry of a marriage solemnized by the Rev.....Sutton at Detling, this being the first occasion that a clergyman is recorded to have officiated at a marriage since 1653.

No. 6 is a Burial Register from August 1678, and the word "Affidavit" is written against the entries, to 14 July 1714. At the end of this volume is a list of—"Books in the Vestry Library, June 24, 1716." These books, many years afterwards, were sent to the Museum to be housed for the church until suitable accommodation could be provided, and there they still remain.

No. 11 is a parchment book of Marriages 1739 to 1754; with Index; and also Index of Baptisms from 1 May 1707 to 25 March 1731.

No. 12 is the Marriage Register required by the Act of 1754, with Index for the same.

Nos. 13, 14, 17 to 20 each have an Index, and No. 20 has an Index to the end of 1816.

There are five Volumes of Indexes kept in the Vestry:—

1. Baptisms and Burials, 1732-1773.
2. Baptisms 1773 to 1901. 3. Burials, 1773 to present day.
4. Marriages, 1817 to present day.
5. Baptisms, 1902 to present day.

There are four Volumes of Transcripts of Baptisms 1771 to 1812; and one Volume of Burials 1808 to 1812. Also seven volumes of Transcripts 1576 to 1837, made from the returns at the Diocesan Registry, Canterbury, with a note that they were presented to All Saints' Maidstone by Mr. Richard Cooke of Detling and Mr. Herbert Monkton of Maidstone in 1910. They contain a number of years omitted in the earlier Registers and there are five Marriage entries in February 1587 which do not appear in the church Register.

13 Volumes of Banns Books 1754 to 1906, but the years 1826-31 and 1835-39 are missing. There is an Index from 1754 to 1823.

Registers kept in two iron Safes in the Church.

B. Volume for entering the collections for the Charity Schools 1713 to 1836.

1. *Churchwardens' Accounts* :—10 Volumes 1672 to 1913.
2. *Vestry Minute Books* :—6 Vols., 1708-1800; 1801-41; 1842-59; 1860-72; 1872-95; 1895 to present time.
9. *Tithe Map*, in the custody of the Vicar.

10. *Faculties* :—Three. (1) For construction of an open timber roof ; (2) For a window ; (3) For removal of tombstones and to widen the footway.

13. *Parochial Charities*, Records of Wright's Charity ; and Gill's Charity, from 1825 to present time.

St. Faith.

A. 1. Baptisms, 18 August, 1871.
2. Marriages, 23 October, 1872.

B. 6. *Vestry Minute Book*.
13. *Parish Charities*, Records of Wooley Charity.

St. John.

A. 1. Baptisms, 21 April, 1861.
2. Marriages, 3 May, 1862.

B. 1. *Churchwardens' Accounts* from 1878.
6. *Vestry Minute Book*.
11. Faculty for heating apparatus, 1910.

St. Luke.

A. 1. Baptisms. 1895.
2. Marriages, 1897.

B. 1. *Churchwardens' Accounts* from 1897.
6. *Vestry Minute Book*, 1895.
9. *Map of the Parish*.
11. *Faculties* for new pews, 1908 ; and pulpit, 1911.

St. Michael and All Angels.

A.	1. Mars. 1877-1887	4. Bapts. 1876-1890
	2. " 1887-1901	5. " 1890-1903
	3. " 1901	6. " 1903
B.	6. <i>Vestry Minute Book</i> , 1877.	
	7. <i>Inventory of Church goods</i> , 1913.	
	9. <i>Map of the parish</i> .	
	11. <i>Faculty</i> for oak screen 1898.	

St. Paul.

A.	1. Bapts. 1861-1876	5. Bapts. 1885-1896
	2. Mars. 1861-1874	6. Mars. 1886-1899
	3. " 1874-1886	7. " 1899
	4. Bapts. 1876-1885	8. Bapts. 1896
B.	1. <i>Churchwardens' Accounts</i> :—2 Vols., 1865 to present day.	
	6. <i>Vestry Minute Books</i> , one.	
	7. <i>Inventory of Church goods</i> .	
	9. <i>Map of the parish</i> .	
11.	<i>Faculties</i> :—Four (1) For Lectern, etc., 1877 ; (2) For re-building organ, enlarging vestry, etc., 1888 ; (3) For reredos, new choir stalls, etc., 1893. (4) For additions to columns of the nave, 1898.	

St. Philip.

A. 1. Bapts. 1858-1888 4. Mars. 1861-1886
 2. " 1888-1909 5. " 1887-
 3. " 1909-
 B. 6. *Vestry Minute Book* from 1862.
 7. *Inventory of Church goods*, one.
 9. *Maps*. Plan of the parish.

Holy Trinity.

A. 1. Bapts. 1842-1853 9. Bapts. 1865-1887
 2. Mars. 1842-1849 10. Mars. 1868-1879
 3. Burs. 1842-1858 11. " 1879-1897
 4. Mars. 1849-1855 12. Bapts. 1887-1893
 5. Bapts. 1853-1865 13. " 1893-
 6. Mars. 1855-1862 14. Mars. 1897-1906
 7. Burs. 1858-1912 15. " 1906-
 8. Mars. 1862-1868
 B. 6. *Vestry Minute Book*.
 7. *Inventory of Church goods*, one.
 11. *Faculties*. Five for alterations 1875; new font 1892;
 Stained glass windows, 1904, 1909, 1913.

MARDEN, St. Michael and All Angels.

A. 1. Mixed 1559-1707 10. Bapts. 1835-1884
 2. " 1707-1754 11. Mars. 1837-1880
 3. " 1736-1783 12. Burs. 1853-1872
 4. " 1766-1812 13. Mars. 1880-1910
 5. Mars. 1754-1791 14. Burs. 1872-1892
 6. " 1791-1812 15. Bapts. 1885-
 7. Bapts. 1813-1835 16. Burs. 1892-
 8. Mars. 1813-1837 17. Mars. 1910-
 9. Burs. 1813-1853

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1567.

No. 1 is a parchment book, and among the burials is a note that John Evarden was chosen Register, 20th September 1653.

No. 2 is a parchment book, and in the cover is a note dated 1st August 1730, stating that in the Visitation of 1557 the Register book as well as the church and chancel, had been burnt.

The Registers have been copied—Baptisms to 1809; Marriages to 1754; and Burials to 1729.

Registers in a Fire-proof Safe at the Rectory.

B. 6. *Vestry Minute Book* (recent).
 11. *Faculty*, for re-seating, etc. 1887.

The other Records including the Tithe Map appear to have been handed over to the Parish Council.

MARGATE, Holy Trinity.

Registers begin 1842.

St. Paul.

Registers begin 1874.

All Saints, Westbrook.

Registers begin 1894.

MARGATE, St. John the Baptist.

1. Mixed	1559-1779	19. Bapts.	
		& Burs.	1847-1869
2. ,,	1679-1729	20. Mars.	1857-1870
3. ,,	1729-1766	21. Burs.	1865-1880
4. Mars.	1754-1771	22. Bapts.	1869-1883
5. Bapts.			
	& Burs.	23. Mars.	1870-1884
6. Mars.	1771-1787	24. Burs.	1880-1893
7. ,,	1788-1896	25. Bapts.	1883-1894
8. Bapts.		26. Mars.	1884-1896
	& Burs.	27. Burs.	1893-1899
9. Mars.	1807-1812		
10. Bapts.		28. Bapts.	1894-1901
	& Burs.	29. Mars.	1896-1905
11. Mars.	1813-1829	30. Burs.	1900-1906
12. Bapts.			
	& Burs.	31. Bapts.	1901-1908
13. Bapts.		32. Mars.	1905-1914
	& Burs.		
14. Mars.	1824-1847	33. Bapts.	1908-1911
15. Bapts.		34. Mars.	1914-
	& Burs.	35. Burs.	1911-
16. Mars.	1831-1846		
17. ,,	1846-1857		
18. Bapts. & Burs.	1846-1865		

The entries from 1559 to 1601 are transcripts on parchment signed by Robert Jenkinson Vicar of the parish. The Registers are kept in two iron Safes in the Vestry.

Transcripts in the Diocesan Register begin 1559.

B. 1. *Churchwardens' Accounts*, 5 Vols.
 (1) 1714-1724. (2) 1724-1736. (3) 1736-1746. (4)
 1747 (sic). (5) 1747 (sic).
 6. *Vestry Minutes*, one Volume (date not given).
 7. *Inventory of Church Goods*, one (date not given).
 9. *Tithe Map*, in Vicar's custody.
 10. *Charters*, etc. Royal grant by Queen Mary 1553 giving offertories to the Vicar.
 11. *Faculties*. (1) For erecting Organ 1795. (2) For removing organ and making Choir Vestry 1891. (3) For making doorway to Choir Vestry 1897. (4) For erecting screen between Choir Vestry and chancel 1893. (5) For taking down chancel gallery 1845.
 13. *Parochial Charities*. Records relating to the following:—
 Allens 1594, Pickford's 1792, Sandford's 1626, Bullen's 1727.

MERSHAM, St. John the Baptist.

A.	1. Mixed 1558-1699	7. Bapts. 1813-1843
	2. " 1699-1812	8. Burs. 1813-1875
	3. Burs. 1678-1812	9. " 1875-
	4. Mars. 1754-1785	10. Bapts. 1843-
	5. " 1785-1812	10. Bapts. 1843-
	6. " 1813-1837	

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1560.

No. 1 is a parchment book, the entries to 1598 being transcripts attested by Johannes Whiting, rector, and William Lott and Daniel Page, churchwardens.

In 1607, opposite the baptism of Mary Couell, is written in a later handwriting:—"William Couell, doctor of Divinity, parson of this parish. This William Couell was a Lancashire man born and bred up in Queen's College, Cambridge, and a writer in defence of Hooker's Eccl. Polity and several other things in defence of ye Church of England against the *fanatics*.

1685. Dorothy, Alice, and Thomas three children of William Neusom and Mary his wife "formerly quaakers" were baptised.

From 1587 to 1592 outbreaks of plague occurred, thirteen people being buried in a fortnight in January 1587; eighteen in the three months at the end of 1590; twelve in January 1592. In 1603 fourteen died in two months, four being of the same name. The plague appears to have been brought by "a poor vagrant man" who is the first to be buried of the thirteen mentioned above in 1587.

At the end of this Register there is a record of Briefs and collections.

No. 2 is a parchment book of Baptisms 1699-1812; Marriages 1699-1754; and Burials 1699-1702. In this Register the trades of some of the persons mentioned in the entries are given, as:—tinker, weaver, labourer, servant, etc.; also in the following entry:—"Ephraim Howland, alias Old Neff, scullion at Hatch was buried April 9th, 1671."

The alteration in the year is recorded:—"December 8th, 1752. This year begun January 1, by ye late Act of Parliament (24 George ii) altering the old style."

No. 3 a parchment book is the Woollen Register.

No. 7 contains an account of the population of the parish in 1811, 308 males, and 317 females, Total 625.

In June 1821, the inhabited houses 89, occupied by families 127, males 410, females 366, Total 776. This is signed by Joseph Page, and George Back, overseers, and John Viny Butler, curate.

In 1831, the inhabited houses 100; families 123; males 352, females 325. Total 677

B.

- 6. *Vestry Minute Book*, (no dates given).
- 9. *Tithe Map*, in the custody of the Rector.
- 11. *Faculty*, for East Window 1901.

Class B kept at the Rectory.

MILTON NEXT SITTINGBOURNE, Holy Trinity.

A.	1. Mixed 1538-1697	11. Burs. 1895-1908
	2. „ 1695-1781	12. „ 1908-
	3. Mars. 1754-1812	13. Mars. 1813-1837
	4. Mixed 1782-1812	14. „ 1837-1865
	5. Bapts. 1813-1833	15. „ 1865-1887
	6. Bapts. 1833-1864	16. „ 1887-1906
	7. „ 1864-1914	17. „ 1906-1910
	8. „ 1914-	18. „ 1910-
	9. Burs. 1813-1844	19. Bapts. 1903 (?)
	10. „ 1844-1895	

Gaps: No Marriages 1640-7. No Burials 1657-1695.

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1560.

No. 1 is a parchment book, the earlier entries being transcripts from the originals.

The Registers—to 1668 have been transcribed by the Rev. E. W. Carpenter. They are all in good condition, and are kept in a Fire Proof Safe at the Vicarage.

B.

- 1. *Churchwardens' Accounts*. 4 Vols. from 1607. About half in good condition, others fair to poor.
- 2. *Overseers' Accounts*, 15 Vols. from 1724. Six Volumes in good condition, remainder poor to bad.
- 3. *Waywardens' Accounts*. 2 Vols. Condition very bad.
- 6. *Vestry Minute Books*, 5 Vols. from 1716 to present time. 3 Vols. much the worse for wear, but entire, others good.
- 7. *Inventories of Church Goods*. One (No date given).
- 9. *Maps*, etc., Tithe Map only, in the hands of Mr. W. T. Jackson, High Street, Sittingbourne, the Vicar's Agent.
- 11. *Faculties*, One for carved oak Holy Table, dated 1913.

Class B are kept partly at the Vicarage and partly in the Parish Chest at the Church.

MILTON NEXT CANTERBURY.

A.	1. Mixed 1688-1893	4. Bapts. 1828-
	2. Mars. 1826- (only a single entry)	5. Burs. 1824-
	3. Mars. 1838-	

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1576.

There appears to be considerable confusion between the Register books of this parish and those of Thanington, as the following notes in Register 1 testify:—"Extract from the old Parish Register book of the adjoining parish of Thanington."....."If any articles searched for are not found here examine the Register book of Thanington from 1712 to 1760 in particular." "By a small stone in the body of the Church it appears that Elizabeth Petman died April 11th, 1737 aged 2 years, her burial not to be found in the Register."....."On a Tile adjoining, the following short inscription, " Margaret Harnett 1737." There is also the following grim note of a tragedy which occurred in 1782: "On Wednesday, May 22nd at night, Henry Perkins, paper maker at Chartham was robbed and murthered in a most inhuman manner by Charles Storer, alias Storey (servant to Mr. Sankey in this parish) the robbery and murther was committed in the foot path near nut

brown wood, the deceased's body was found next morning with his throat cut from ear to ear, and terribly mangled besides in the head and face, the next morning Storer was taken and committed to St. Dunstan's Gaol by the Reverend J. Duncomb for further examination.....the next day he was by John Hinde, coroner, further committed for trial at the ensuing assizes at Maidstone, where on Wednesday July 24th, he was condemned to suffer death, and afterwards to be hung in chains somewhere near the place where the murther was committed. On Friday July 25th, he was executed at Penenden Heath, and on the day following at 2 or 3 in the afternoon, *viz.*, Saturday 27th, his body hung in chains near the two mile stone (in this parish), on the road to Charlham there being no convenient place for him in the parish of Thanington where the fact was committed.

There is also a note stating that "The Church of Milton was thoroughly repaired in the year 1829 by John Bell, Esq., K.C., who also erected a new Font."

The Registers are kept at the Rectory house of Thanington parish.

B. There appear to be no Records of this Class.

MILSTEAD, St. Mary and Holy Cross.

A.	1. Mixed 1542-1812	5. Burials 1665-1812
	2. Mars. 1813-1842	6. " 1813-
	3. " 1837-	7. Bapts. 1813-
	4. Bapts. 1542-1812	

The Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1564.

No 1. is a parchment book 13½ in. by 6½ in.

Registers kept in the Church, all are in good condition.

B.	1. Churchwardens' Accounts, 1 Vol., 1819.
	6. Vestry Minute Book, 1 Vol.
	7. Inventory of Church Goods, one.
	9. Maps. Tithe Map in the custody of the Rector. Map of Charity Lands. Plan of the Church.
	11. Faculties, Two 1872 and 1913.

Class B kept in the Church.

MINSTER IN SHEPPEY, SS. Mary and Sexburga.

A.	1. Mixed 1548-1593	15. Mars. 1853-1863
	2. Mixed 1568-1703	16. " 1863-1877
	3. " 1703-1770	17. " 1877-1884
	4. Bapts. 1770-1812	18. " 1884-1895
	5. " 1813-1834	19. " 1895-1904
	6. " 1834-	20. " 1904-1914
	7. Mars. 1754-1779	21. " 1914-
	8. " 1779-1796	22. Burs. 1770-1811
	9. " 1796-1804	23. " 1811-1812
	10. " 1804-1812	24. " 1813-1821
	11. " 1813-1824	25. " 1821-1834
	12. " 1824-1837	26. " 1834-1851
	13. " 1837-1846	27. " 1851-1891
	14. " 1846-1853	28. " 1891-

No. 1. is the original Paper Book it has been carefully re-bound.

No. 2 Is a Vellum Book, the entries from 1568 to 1593 being copied from No. 1.

The entries for the years 1644-1660 are below the average of other years. One entry relating to a marriage is signed by Michael Livesey the Regicide.

Registers 1 and 2 are kept in a safe at the Vicarage, the rest are kept in a safe at the Church.

Transcripts in the Diocesan Registry begin 1566.

B. 1. *Churchwardens' Accounts*. Several Volumes from 1704.
 2. *Overseers' Accounts*. From 1694.
 3. *Waywardens' Accounts*. From 1793.
 6. *Vestry Minute Books*, two, one in present use.
 9. *Maps*. Tithe Map, kept in the Board Room of the Rural District Council.
 10. *Deeds*. One dated 1812 relating to exchange of land to enlarge Churchyard.
 11. *Faculties*. For Restoration of Church, and for Consecration of New Churchyard (No dates given).
 13. *Records of Parochial Charities*. Some relating to Hopson's Trust, but no particulars have been supplied.

Records in Class B are kept, some in a Press in a room at the Union Workhouse, and others in a Press in the north chancel of the Church.

MINSTER IN THANET, St. Mary.

1. Mixed	1557-1699	8. Bapts.	1853-1902
2. ,,	1700-1781	9. Mars.	1837-1903
3. ,,	1782-1812	10. Burs.	1881-
4. Mars.	1754-1812	11. Bapts.	1902-
5. Bapts.	1813-1853	12. Mars.	1903-
6. Burs.	1813-1881	13. Bapts.	1905-
7. Mars.	1813-1837		

No. 13 is a special Register for Baptisms from the Isle of Thanet Union Workhouse.

Gaps: No Baptisms from 24th March 1661 to 1662.

No Marriages 1651-1662.

No Burials, 2nd July 1651 to 3rd November 1653.

Transcripts in the Diocesan Registry begin 1563.

No. 1 is a Parchment Book, and is made up of three Registers, which had apparently become unbound and their pages loose, and were collected and bound when Canon Gell was curate-in-charge, about the year 1885. A few pages are missing.

The Registers are kept in an iron safe in the Church.

B. 1. *Churchwardens' Accounts* :—3 Vols. 1. 1623-1649. 2. 1808-1891. 3. 1891 :—
 2. *Overseers' Accounts* :—4 Vols. 1. 1643. 2. 1646-1650. 3. 1662-1664. 4. 1666-1696.
 6. *Vestry Minute Books* :—3 Vols. 1. 1827-1848. 2. 1853-1894. 3. 1894....

5. *Brief Book* :—17th July 1689 to 1st June 1776. At the end of this Book are entries of Burials in woollen from August 1679 to 27th April 1686.
 9. *Tithe Map*, in the custody of the Vicar.
 11. *Faculty* : one for stained glass window 1910.

Class B kept at the church, in a wooden chest.

MOLASH, St. Peter and St. Paul.

1. Mixed	1557-1727	5. Bapts.	1813-1871
2. „	1727-1812	6. „	1871-
3. Mars.	1755-1812	7. Burs.	1813-
4. „	1813-1836	8. Mars.	1837-

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1563.

No. 1 to 4 are kept at Lloyd's Bank in Canterbury, the remainder at the Vicarage.

B. 1. *Churchwardens' Accounts*. 1738 and 1812.
 2. *Overseers' Books*, 1829-88. Poor Book 1798. Valuation List 1842 and 1876.
 3. *Waywardens' Accounts*, (no particulars given).
 6. *Vestry Minute Book* from 1842.
 8. *Terrier and Inventory* 1895.
 9. *Maps*. Tithe Map in the custody of the Vicar; and Ordnance Map, 1898.
 13. *Parish Charities*: Indenture relating to Amos's Charity, and other records relating to benefactions to the Poor, 1866.

Class B kept at the Vicarage.

MONGEHAM, GREAT, St. Martin.

A.	1. Mixed	1685-1812	4. Mars.	1813-1836
	2. Mars.	1754-1812 (and banns, 1818-1825)	5. Burs.	1813-
	3. Bapts.	1813-1882	6. Bapts.	1883-

Two Banns books between 1825 and 1912.

Baptismal book, 1849-1869.

Preacher's book (and duplicate), 1901-1912.

N.B. In the Parliamentary return 1813 the earliest Register is stated to begin 1570, but in 1833 the date 1685 as above is given. The inference is that the earliest Vol. was lost in the interval.

The transcripts in the Diocesan Registry begin 1564.

The Registers are in fairly good order and are kept at the Rectory in an iron box.

For extracts etc., see Appendix.

B. A large number of Ratebooks etc. of the first part of the 19th century are in the parish Chest in the Church. There is a "Register of Briefs," 1707-1712, on two paper sheets in the earliest Register.

Vestry Orders book, 1818-1861.

Vestry Minute Book, 1862.

Territorial Inventory, 1895.

Tithe Award and Map in the custody of the Rector.

These Records are kept in a wooden Chest in the Church.

MONGEHAM, LITTLE,
Church destroyed see Sutton by Dover.

MONKS HORTON, St. Peter and St. Paul.

A.	1. Mixed 1558-1812	4. Bapts. 1813-
	2. Mars. 1755-1811	5. Burs. 1813-
	3. , 1813-1836	6. Mars. 1836-

The Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1563.

No. 1 is a parchment book 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. by 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. and is somewhat dilapidated. It commences:—"register booke of the p'ish of Horton next Stowting.....of all the christeninges, buryings, and marriages in the sayd p'ishe from the begining of the Queene Ma'ities Reigne, being the seventeenth day of November, Anno Dni, 1558."

On the inside of the cover written at the top:—"The Church is dedicated to Saint Peter."

Then follows, as at Brabourne, a list of the rectors of Monks Horton, commencing with Adam Cleator buried 1625. A loose sheet has in pencil—"Adam Cleator, Rector in 1560 died in 1625," and, added in ink—"A mistake," Adam Cleator only signed the Register after it had been fairly transcribed; not that his Incumbency continued 65 years. Doctor Ducarel's remark to Mr. Fausett, when he mentioned this very long incumbency."

Two names are bracketted as Vicars of Brabourne 1670-1727; followed immediately by two names "not Vicars of Brabourne,".....—1776, the second of these being Bryan Fausett, who is described—"The well known Anglo-Saxon Antiquary....."

During the Commonwealth, the following two entries occur:—

"Thomas Piseyng, weddoer, and Jone Sladden, mayden waere married by Robert Wevill, Esquire, the 17th of January 1655."

Stephen Woodland, yeoman, and Elisabeth Miller, weare married by Thomas Scott, Esquire, June the 7th, 1656.

Registers kept at Brabourne Vicarage.

B.	2. Overseers' Accounts, 1784-1824.
	6. Vestry Minute Book, 1820 to the present time.
	9. Tithe Map.

Class B kept at Brabourne Vicarage.

Note—Monks Horton parish is united with Brabourne.

MONKTON, St. Mary Magdalene.

A.	1. Mixed 1700-1792	6. Burs. 1813-1912
	2. Mars. 1754-1811	7. Mars. 1837-1911
	3. Burs. 1792-1812	8. Bapts. 1883-1913
	4. Mars. 1813-1837	9. Mars. 1912-
	5. Bapts. 1813-1882	

Gaps :—No Baptisms from 15 April, 1792 to 18 April, 1813.

Transcripts in the Diocesan Registry begin 1564.

The Registers are in good condition and are kept at the Church.

B. 1. *Churchwardens' Accounts*, 1867-1913.

[The Incumbent adds: There is a miscellaneous collection of documents, apparently Churchwardens' accounts dating from early in 18th century to the end of the same, shewing signs of damage by fire.]

- 6. *Vestry Minute Book*, 1836 onwards.
- 9. *Maps, etc.*, Plan of the church as re-seated in 1861. *Tithe Map*, with Tithe Apportionment 1886, in the custody of the Vicar and Churchwardens.
- 10. *Deeds* :—School Trust Deed, 1872. Lease of the Great Tithes, 1693. Mortgage 1710; also to Q.A.B. 1885.
- 11. *Faculty*, one for erection of reredos, 1902.
- 13. *Records of Parochial Charities*, Church Lands Trust, Minute Book 1899-1913, and Account Book 1861-1913.
Robinson's Charity, Minute Book, 1897-1913, and Account Book, 1871-1913.
Agreement to lease Church Lands, 1801.
- Miscellaneous : Six Special Licences for Marriage, 1818-1879.
Copy of Instrument from the Ecclesiastical Commissioners relating to tithes and pension 1886.
- School Building Accounts, 1871.
- Organ Fund Accounts, 1902-5.

MURSTON, All Saints.

A.	1. Mixed 1561-1754	6. Burs. 1813-
	2. " 1754-1812	7. Bapts. 1877-1908
	3. Mars. 1754-1812	8. " 1908-
	4. Bapts. 1813-1877	9. Mars. 1836-
	5. Mars. 1815-1836	

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin in 1571.

No. 1 is a parchment book with leather cover, 13½ ins. by 6 in.

The clasps are gone.

The first fly leaf has the name of John Case, Curate of Murston. Then follows a list of Articles of inquiry for a Visitation held at Sittingbourne, but to each entry are added the words—" Nothing presentable."

The second fly leaf has on one side the names of four Rectors and three Curates; and on the other side the following :—

Si natura negat facit indignatio versum.

The barne wch. stood where this now stands
Was burnt down by the Rebells' hands,

In Decemb. 1659.

The barne wch. stands where t'other stood
By Richard Tray is now made good,

In July 1662.

Ex Oweni Epigram : Michaeli Leivsy, Equite, et
 Bartholomeo May, Fanaticis.
 Omnia diruitis, nihil aedificatis in Orbe
 Zelus hic, an scelus est ? Fervor hic an furor est ?
 Spiritus at vestris pretenditur omnibus ausis ;
 Quales at hic vestes spiritus est.

Abadon.

All things you burne
 Or overture
 But build upp nought : pray tell
 Is this the fire of Zeal or Hell ?
 Yet you do all.
 By the Spirit's call
 As you pretend, but pray
 What Spirit is't ? Abadon I dare say.

The above inscription was on a stone tablet built into the wall near the door of the old Tithe Barn at Murston Rectory. This barn was taken down in September, 1902, and the stone built into a pillar, close to its ancient position.

Sir. J. E. Sandys, Public Orator of the University of Cambridge, says the above lines are from the Epigrams of—" the witty Welshman, John Owen, formerly Fellow of New College, Oxford, who dedicated this particular work to Lady Arabella Stuart, on its publication in 1607."

The first parchment leaf of this Register contains the names of Rectors from 1561 to 1814, and Curates from 1622 to 1738. The last parchment page has four burials, and (inverted) some banns of marriages, and some Briefs. Also on the last fly leaf are Briefs on both sides.

After the entry of a Baptism March 25th, 1655, is written the following :—" According to an Act of P'liam't bearing date the 24th of August, 1653, entitled an Act touching Marriagdes, births and burials and the Registering thearof, William Allen of Mortson was Approved and Sworne by me as followeth. That he shall execute the office of a Register in the parish of Morston with all faithfulness and diligence according to the intention and the meaning of the said law in that case made and guided."

S(ign)d Livesey.

A similar entry occurs among the Burials :—" Whereas by an Act of Parlyamt beareyng date the 24th of August 1653 that every parish ought to make choyce of an honest ableman to be there Register, I doe hereby sygnifie that the Anhabitants of Murston have accordingly made choyce of Wyllm Allen to be there Register, who is likewyse approved and sworne by me this 6th of Feb. 1655." Barth. Maye.

No. 2 is a parchment book containing Baptisms and Burials. There are two paper fly-leaves at each end, on the first is a scale of fees, and on the second information as to some alterations and repairs at the rectory. Also the Latin and English lines above quoted, but with the following heading :—" The underwritten is engraved on a stone near the Barn Door."

On the first two parchment pages are the names (as in the first Register) of the Rectors and Curates, with a few notes.

The last two paper leaves and the cover have some interesting information about the Rev. Richard Tray (1659-64) who had his barn burnt down by the order of Sir Michael Livesey.

There is also a description of the Communion Plate presented by Edward Hales, who was killed at the Battle of the Boyne in 1690.

On the inside of the cover are the names of six Rectors and one Curate who were buried in the church, including the Rev. Richard Tray. This seems to be a mistake, for the entry in the Register is:—"Oct. 26th, 1664. Richard Tray, Rector of Murston was buried in Breadhurst Chancell."

[A ledger stone in Bredhurst Church commemorates Richard Tray concerning whom *see 'Proceedings in Kent'* edited by Lambert Larking for the Camden Society in 1862. Ed.]

A note on the last paper page states, that the Rev. Mark Hildesley (1694-1710) was father of the Right Rev. Mark Hildesley, born in 1698, consecrated Bishop of Sodor and Man in 1756.

Registers 1 and 2 are described as "fair" the rest "good". The Registers in use are kept in the Church, the ancient ones in a fire-proof safe at the Rectory.

B. 1. *Churchwardens' Accounts*, 2 Vols., 1682 to 1737, and 1879 to the present time.
 6. *Vestry Minute Book*, from 1859.
 9. *Tithe Map*, in the custody of Messrs. Harris and Harris, Solicitors of Sittingbourne.
 11. *Faculties*, (1) for taking down the old parish church and building a new church on another site, 1873. (2) For removing a wooden addition to the Tithe-Barn, 1882. (3) For removing the Tithe Barn 1902.

Class B kept in an iron safe at the Rectory.

NACKINGTON.

A.	1. Mixed 1563-1757	5. Mars. 1837-
	2. " 1758-1812	6. Bapts. 1813-
	3. Mars. 1755-1812	7. Burs. 1813-
	4. " 1813-1836	

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1564.

Gaps:—There are no entries for the years 1644, 1646 to 1650, and 1652.

On the last leaf of Register 1 are the following notes:—"Be it remember'd that Bryan Fausett, Esq., and Mary his wife of Heppington in this parish of Nackington, and who appears in this Register to have been baptised on the 2nd day of November, 1720, was married on the 15th day of November, 1748 to Elisabeth Curtois of Benningworth in the county of Lincoln, in the chapell of Magdalene College, Oxford, by the Rev. Dr. Thomas West, then Fellow of that College. The said Bryan Fausett being at that time Fellow of All Souls College in Oxford, and Vicar of Alberbury in Shropshire. Witness my hand the seventeenth day of March, 1772, being now curate of this parish of Nackington. Br. Fausett.

Be it also remembered that my eldest son Henry Godfrey Fausett was born at Alberbury in Shropshire, 18 Nov., 1749; my second son Bryan Fausett was born at Kingston in Kent, 11 April, 1753; my

third son Charles Faussett was born at Charlton in Bishopsbourne, 2 March, 1754 and buried in the Chancel of this Church of Nackington, 23 March, 1755; my daughter Elizabeth Faussett was born at Charlton in Bishopsbourne, aforesaid 11 Feb., 1756. Br. Faussett."

"*Mem.* Thomasine, daughter of Hopkins Fox and Mary his wife privately baptised on Saturday, January 10th, 1756, at 5 in the evening by me Jo. Gostling, Curate. N.B. This is not inserted in the Register because Mr. Fox positively refuses to bring the child to church to be received into the congregation, J. Gostling, Curate."

"Thomasine Fox, daughter of Hopkins and Mary Fox recd. into Church, June 20th, 1758, as appears in the new Register."

Registers kept at the Church.

B. 1. *Churchwardens' Accounts*, 6 Vols., 1704-1847.
 3. *Highway "Composition" book*, 1817-1837.
 6. *Vestry Minute books*, 2 vols., 1789 to present time.
 9. *Maps or Plans*, Plan of wall tiles for the Chancel 1874;
 and of proposed addition to Vestry.
 11. *Faculty for tiling the east wall of the Chancel* 1874.

Class B. Some of the Records are kept in the statutable iron box in the Church, others are in the house of Mr. Denne, Churchwarden.

NEWCHURCH, St. Peter and St. Paul.

A. 1. Mixed 1684-1808*	5. Bapts. 1879-
2. " 1809-1812	6. Mars. 1813-1837
3. Mars. 1757-1812	7. Burs. 1813-
4. Bapts. 1813-1878	8. Mars. 1838-

Transcripts in the Diocesan Registry begin 1576.

*In 1606 the following presentment was made in the Consistory Court. "We can find no Book of Register in our church, but the book is conveyed away by our Minister and William Johnson, the Churchwarden." Vol. 18. fo. 89.

No. 2 is a parchment book containing Baptisms and Burials.

In this Register is written:—"Dymchurch Nov. 29th, 1810. W. Webster, curate of Newchurch, St. Mary-in-the-Marsh, Orgarswick, and rector of Dymchurch, was inducted into the Rectory of Blackman-stone, Nov. 29th, 1810. B.A. of St. John's College, Cambridge, native of the town of Beverley, Yorkshire, 9 miles from Hull."

"The Rev. Charles Stoddart, rector and vicar of Newchurch died on the 29th day of May, 1812, aged 72 years, at Ashford, being the endowed Grammar School Master there."

"The Rev. Benjamin Davies, vicar of Stalisfield, was inducted into the vicarage of Newchurch, Wednesday, the 4th of November, and read himself in 15th November, 1812.

"On Sunday, 8th Nov., 1812, W. Webster officiated for the last time at Newchurch, and possesses a very easy mind on that subject."

The Registers are in good condition except No. 3 which requires repair. They are kept at the Rectory.

B. 1. *Churchwardens' Accounts*, from 1869.
 6. *Vestry Minute Book*, from 1857.
 9. *Tithe Map*, in the custody of the Rector.
 13. *Records of Parochial Charities*. Two documents relating to the distribution of the Finch Charity.

Class B are kept at the Rectory.

NEWENDEN, St. Peter.

A. 1. Mixed 1559-1745 6. Mars. 1813-1837
 2. „ 1653-1692 7. Burs. 1813-
 3. Burs. 1682-1790 8. Mars. 1837-
 4. Mixed 1746-1812 9. „ 1756-1813
 5. Bapts. 1813-

Gaps:—No Baptisms, 1644-8, and 1648-53; no Marriages, 1643-1653; no Burials, 1644-54.

Transcripts begin 1567.

No. 1 is a parchment book, the earlier entries being transcripts.

In No. 2 is a note recording the "eleccon" of Thomas Wats as "Register" in 1653, he was sworn in by Robert Gibbon, Richard Kilburn, and George Kadwell.

No. 3 is a parchment book containing entries relating to burials in Woollen.

The Registers which are kept in the Church—have been transcribed and indexed by the Rev. E. Jermyn, formerly Rector, and printed by the Parish Register Society—a copy is kept in the iron Chest.

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1567.

B. 1. *Churchwardens' Accounts*, 1736-1841.
Overseers' Accounts, 1681-1748. This Book contains some entries of burials in Woollen.
 5. *Brief Books*, 1 Vol. 1804-1808.
 6. *Vestry Minute Book*, one Vol. (date not given).
 7. *Inventory of Church Goods*, one dated 1866.
 8. *Terriers of Church Lands*, 4 (date not given).
 9. *Maps*, Tithe Map in the custody of the Rector.

Class B kept in iron chest at the Church.

NEWINGTON NEXT HYTHE, St. Nicholas.

A. 1. Mixed 1559-1730 6. Bapts. 1877-
 2. „ 1730-1786 7. Mars. 1812-1837
 3. „ 1786-1812 8. „ 1838-
 4. Mars. 1754-1812 9. Burs. 1813-1901
 5. Bapts. 1813-1877 10. „ 1901-

No. 1 is a Parchment Book 18½ by 6½ inches. At the top of the first page is the following inscription: "These names following were all sett down as they were founde in a torn leaf of a marriage Register, and seem to be referred to the yeare of our Lord 1559." After 6 or 8 entries a further note is inserted as follows: "Coppied out of the same Register as it followeth verbatim anno Domini 1560." In the middle of the entries of the year 1564 is another note "Thus far continueth Mr. Reynold Bikett, Clerk to the Vicar, that which followeth was continued by Mr. Hughes, Clerk to the Vicar." Near the end of 1571 this note occurs: "Here endeth Mr. Hughes, that which followeth was orderly and truly continued by Mr. Will Evan, Vicar. The entries between 1644-1660 are normal, and were made by the Vicar of the Parish for the time being. In the year 1645 when Parliament ordered the Births and not the Baptisms to be registered the heading of the page is still 'Baptisms,' though the word is not used in the entry. From 1732 the dates of both Birth and Baptism are noted.

At the beginning of the Marriage Register for 1560 is a list of the ecclesiastical seasons when it was illegal to publish Banns without special license from the Bishop of the Diocese.

All the Registers are in good condition and are kept at the Vicarage.

Transcripts in the Diocesan Registry begin 1563.

The Marriage Registers 1560-1837 have been transcribed by Mr. R. F. Fynmore for Phillimore's Parish Register series.

B. 1. *Churchwardens' Accounts*, 5 Vols. (a) 1632-1672, (b) 1673-1700, (c) 1774-1823, (d) 1823-1867, (e) 1868.

Money collected for 'Briefs' is entered in these Books from 1689. Under date 1821 is a complete list of houses, families, and occupation of inhabitants, with a tabulated statement of the number of Males and Females resident in the parish.

2. *Overseers' Accounts*, Several dating from 1774. Also *Rate Books*.
 6. *Vestry Minute Books*, one dating from 1852 and still in use.
 9. *Maps, etc.*, *Tithe Map* in the custody of the Vicar.
 11. *Faculties*, one 1913.

The Parish also possesses a 'Woollen Book' containing affidavits that persons were buried in Woollen shrouds, 1679-1766.

The Records in Class B are kept partly in the Vicarage and partly in an oaken chest in the Church, those in the latter depository have suffered from damp, but are being repaired.

NEWINGTON (NEXT SITTINGBOURNE), St. Mary.

A.	1. Mixed	1558-1663	8. Mars.	1756-1806
	2. "	1561-1744	9. "	1806-1811
	3. "	1654-1684	10. "	1813-1836
	4. "	1744-1812	11. "	1838-
	5. Bapts.	1813-1848	12. Burs.	1813-1864
	6. "	1848-1887	13. "	1864-
	7. "	1888-		

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin in 1567.

No. 1 is a parchment book, of the Marriages and Burials, (the Baptisms are in No. 2). The entries from 1598 are signed by the vicar and churchwardens, certifying that the copy was correct.

In 1653 John Collins was appointed the Registrar; but the Rev. Henry Dering, the vicar, appears to have kept a record of the Marriages, and entered them in the Register after 1660, as there is a duplicate entry of many marriages celebrated during the Commonwealth period.

This first Register disappeared for many years but was at length discovered in the Bodleian Library at Oxford, and restored to Newington parish by special decree of the Oxford Convocation in 1821.

No. 2 is a parchment book of Baptisms 1561 to 1654 and 1684 to 1744, (those between 1654 to 1684 are in No. 3); Marriages 1685 to 1743; and Burials 1684 to 1743.

Among the burial entries are the following notes: "Feb. 22, 1686. Anne Brown ane auncient poor maid was Burried in woollen. I have ane affidavit from Mr. John White of Halstow the Lower."

"Nov. 29, 1689. Simon Tomlin, Esquire, was buried in Linnen and I hade ye information from Thomas Meredith, Esquire. And Mr. William Plane informed and paid 50/- to Tom. Lake the overseer before ye Vestry."

No. 3 is a parchment book of Baptisms and Burials 1654 to 1684, and Marriages 1654 to 1683.

No. 4 contains Baptisms and Burials 1744 to 1812; and Marriages 1744 to 1755.

The Registers are kept in the Church, with the exception of the three earliest volumes which are kept in a Tin Box at the Vicarage.

- B. 1. *Churchwardens' Accounts*, 4 Vols., 1700-1729 (1711-18 missing); 1730-63; (1763 to 1810 missing); 1810 to 1896; 1896 to the present time.
- 2. *Overseers' Accounts*, A page dated 1681; and 8 vols. 1686-95; 1696-1710; 1710-27; 1728-48; 1748-64; (1764-79 missing); 1779-1800; 1800-14; 1814-28.
- 3. *Waywardens' Accounts*, Several vols. (no particulars supplied).

Vestry Minute Books, 4 vols. from 1722. At the begining of the first volume is a list of Briefs.

- 9. *Tithe Map*, in the custody of the Vicar.

Note:—In the Churchwardens' Accounts for 1721 is the puzzling entry:—"For two peapers for ye hell fire Cloub 2/-"

[This is an extraordinary entry as the proclamation for the suppression of blasphemous and immoral clubs was issued in London and Westminster only, and it is difficult to trace the connexion with Newington.]

Class B kept at the Vicarage with the exception of the Waywardens' Books which are in the Church.

NEWNHAM, St. Peter and St. Paul.

A. ✓ 1. Mixed 1722-1807*	✓ 5. Mars. 1754-1811
✓ 2. , 1807-1812	✓ 6. , 1813-1838
✓ 3. Bapts. 1813-1836	✓ 7. , 1837-
✓ 4. , 1886-	✓ 8. Burs. 1813-

*No earlier Register in 1813.

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1564.

No. 2 contains Baptisms and Burials.

Registers kept in the Church.

B. 1. *Churchwardens' Accounts*, 1838.....
 6. *Vestry Minute Book* (modern).
 9. *Tithe Map*, in the Rector's custody.
 11. *Faculty* for a clock in the Tower, 1913.
 12. *Consecration* of additional churchyard, 1905.
 13. *Parish Charities*, Records of Hulse's Charity, and of another Charity left by an unknown benefactor.

Class B 1 and 6 kept by the Churchwardens, the rest in the Church.

NONNINGTON, St. Mary the Virgin.

A. 1. Mixed 1538-1727	6. Burs. 1813-1876
2. , 1726-1812	7. Bapts. 1846-1914
3. Mars. 1754-1842	8. Mars. 1837-1914
4. Bapts. 1813-1846	9. Burs. 1877-1914
*5. Mars. 1813-1845	

*[In this vol. 43 entries from 1837-1845 are copies from Register No. 8. The last original entry in this book is dated June 8th, 1837.]

The Registers are in good condition and are kept in an iron safe in the Vestry.

Transcripts in the Diocesan Registry begin 1564.

Gaps: There is a gap in the Marriage Register from 1725 to 1754.

In Register No. 1 under date 1650 the following note occurs: "A newe Regessor to bee kepte in the Parish of Nonington the Justices being to marry and the Regessor to aske, 29th Sept. this to be put in execution in the yeare 1653 a simple and silly practice."

B. 1 & 2. *Churchwardens' and Overseers' Account Books*, of recent date only.
 9. *Tithe and Parish Maps* in the custody of the Vicar.
 11. *Faculty* for erection of Organ 1906.

Class B kept in the vestry except the Churchwardens' Account Books which are kept by the Wardens.

NORTHOBOURNE, St. Augustine.

A.	1. Mixed 1586-1682	6. Mars. 1813-1869
	2. " 1695-1704	7. Mars. 1869-
	3. " 1695-1754	8. Bapts. 1859-
	4. Bapts. 1813-1869	9. Burs. 1869-
	5. Burs. 1813-1869	

Also 2 Banns Books (a) 1813 to 1869; (b) 1868-

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1563.

Gaps: No burials are entered between 1637 and 1647. James Burvile who was sequestered and returned at the Restoration copied in some entries from notes he discovered. A gap (unaccounted for) occurs between 1682-1695. The Registers are in good order and are kept at Church in an iron safe.

For further details see Appendix.

B.	4 Vols. of <i>Churchwardens' Accounts</i> : (a) 1708-1764 : (b) 1810-1842 : (c) 1842-1878 : (d) 1878-.
	1 Vol. of <i>Overseers' Accounts</i> , 1825-1835.
	Some <i>Briefs</i> are recorded in the Registers.
	<i>Vestry Minute Book</i> , 1878.
	<i>Inventory and Terrier</i> (modern?)
	<i>Tithe Map</i> , in the custody of the Vicar.

These Records are likewise kept in the Church safe.

NORTON, St. Mary.

A.	1. Mixed 1559-1812	4. Bapts. 1813-
	2. Mars. 1754-1810	5. Burs. 1813-
	3. " 1813-1833	6. Mars. 1837-

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1563.

Gaps: No Burials 1644-51 or Marriages 1645-51 inclusive.

No. 1 is a parchment book 13 $\frac{3}{4}$ in. by 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ in., and the entries are mixed, 1559-1611, then Baptisms 1611-1810; Burials 1611-1812; Baptisms 1810-1813; Marriages 1612-1760.

On the fly leaves of this Register is a list of Rectors (incomplete and inaccurate), apparently begun by John Darby, Rector 1765-67. He begins with Nicholas Goulsburgh 1559, but this should be 1581. Goldsborough signs the transcripts on parchment to 1597. No mention of Archbishop Laud who was rector 1610-17, but his name has been inserted later, and the list brought up to date.

There is a note of the presentation of John Goff, M.A., formerly Fellow of Magdalene College, Oxford, by John, Lord Bishop of Rochester, March 13th, 1652. This rector's handwriting continues to 1661.

Among the other notes, is a list of apportionment of a rate for the clerks wages, with the names of the houses in the parish, in 1603. Also

a list of the subscribers (with their gifts) for purchasing new communion plate in 1672. [See *Archeologia Cantiana*, Vol. xxv. p. 151]. All the donors were connected with the household of the Duke of York, to whose children Edward Lake, the rector, had been Tutor.

Registers kept at the Rectory.

B. 1. *Churchwardens' Accounts* (modern).
 3. *Waywardens' Accounts*, 1840.
 6. *Vestry Minute Book* (modern).
 9. *Tithe Map*, in the custody of the Rector.
Map of the Glebe, 1767.

Class B kept at the Rectory.

OARE, St. Peter.

A. ✓ 1. Mixed 1714-1811 ✓ 4. Mars. 1838-
 ✓ 2. Bapts. 1813-1891 ✓ 5. Burs. 1813-
 ✓ 3. Mars. 1813-1837 ✓ 6. Bapts. 1891-

Transcripts in the Diocesan Registry begin 1563.

No earlier Register in 1833.

Registers kept at the Vicarage.

B. 1. *Churchwardens' Accounts*, 1781.
 6. *Vestry Minute Book*, 1840.
 7. *Inventory of Church goods*, 1895.
 8. *Terrier of Church lands*, 1895.
 9. *Maps*, Tithe Map in the Vicar's custody.

Class B kept at the Vicarage.

ORLESTONE, St. Mary.

A. 1. Mixed 1553-1765 5. Burs. 1813-
 2. , 1765-1836 6. Mars. 1838-
 3. Mars. 1754-1812 7. Bapts. 1886-
 4. Bapts. 1813-1886

The Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1562.

Registers kept at the Rectory. No. 5 requires rebinding.

B. 6. *Vestry Minute Book*, 1878 to present time.
 11. *Faculty for restoration of the church* (date not given).
 12. *Consecration of land added to the churchyard*, 1900.

OSPRINGE, St. Peter and St. Paul.

A.	1. Mixed 1561-1678*	7. Mars. 1837-1900
	2. " 1678-1812	8. Bapts. 1863-1882
	3. " 1754-1812	9. Burs. 1880-
	4. " 1813-1837	10. Bapts. 1883-1907
	5. Bapts. 1813-1862	11. Mars. 1900-
	6. Burs. 1813-1879	12. Bapts. 1907-

[*In 1561 a Presentment was made at the Visitation of the Arch-deacon—That Sir Robert Holman hath lost our Register Book, as he saith:—*Court Books*, Vol. 1561-2, fol. 123 in the Cathedral library.]

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1564.

Nos. 1 and 2 are parchment, the others paper.

There is also a copy of the Burial Register from 1687-97.

The entries from 1644 to 1650 are above the average and were made by the Vicar.

B.	1. <i>Churchwardens' Accounts</i> to 1734 and 1858 to present time.
	2. <i>Overseers and Churchwardens' Accounts</i> , 4 vols., 1694-1728; 1729-67; 1768-1808; 1809-58. Part of a "Poor Distribution Book" (about 1717). Memorandum of the fall of the Church tower 1695.
	5. <i>Briefs</i> , some in the Churchwardens' Books.
	6. <i>Vestry Minute Books</i> , 2 vols., 1856-1907; 1908 to date.
	7. <i>Inventory of Church goods</i> (no date given).
	9. <i>Tithe Map</i> , in the Vicar's custody.
	12. <i>Acts of Consecration</i> , one for additional churchyard, 1900. <i>Miscellaneous</i> , A book of Parish events from 1848.

Class B kept in a safe at the Church.

OTHAM, St. Nicholas.

A.	1. Mixed 1538-1647	6. Mars. 1814-1835
	2. " 1654-1723	7. Bapts. 1813-1880
	3. " 1723-1782	8. Burs. 1813-
	4. " 1782-1812	9. Mars. 1837-
	5. Mars. 1754-1811	10. Bapts. 1880-

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin in 1563.

No. 1 is a parchment book 11½ in. by 8 in. The entries of "Maryadges" from 1538 begin on verso of the first parchment leaf. The recto contains the following inscription: "The Register book of the Parish Churche of Ottham in the Countie of Kent according to the Canon in that behalfe published in the forthith yere of the most happie reigne of our most gratiouse Soveraigne Ladie Elizabeth, by the excellent grace of God Queen of England, France, and Ireland, defender of the faith, etc., and in the yere of our Lord and onely Saviour Jesus Christ 1598. Thus written out by me John Broome, Bacchelour of Divinitie and Parson of the sayd Otham."

Observations :—

1. In the lower end of everie page or syde of a leafe a convenient space must be left, wherein the names of the Minister, Churchwardens and Sydemen are to be subscribed.
2. Everie yere Certificate must bee made of all Baptisms Mariadges and Burialls, wh. shall happen to bee in the sayd parish, from Easter to Easter, or from ve Annunciation to the Annunciation to ye Archd., and from Michaelmas to Mich. to the Commissarie.
3. Looke for

Mariadges leafe 1. Baptisms leafe 8. Burialls leafe 23.

From 1538 to 1620 (and 1624 in the marriages) the regnal year is given on the right of each page. There are no Baptisms or Burialls in 1643, and a space was left blank for them. Two Baptisms in 1647, otherwise the entries end in 1646; and there is an entire blank from 1647 to 1654—the date of the first entry in Volume 2. Attached to the end there is a double sheet of parchment, half cut out, giving “The children of John Hendly of Ottham, Gent. Register'd by themselves.”

Then follows the Baptism of five children between May 1649 and December 1653; also two other Baptisms of 1650, with this note—“These persons whose names are written in this page are putt here because they were putt downe elsewhere in a scarce legible hand. Testified by mee John Davis, Rector of Ott.”

In the begining of this Register are two leaves of paper; the one (torn) containing minute memoranda for the Registers by Thomas Wilson, who was rector to 1654; the other in his hand writing has—“God bee mercifull to mee a Sinner.” Wilson was a noted Puritan and Champion of the long Parliament, receiving the thanks of the House of Commons for a sermon on “Jericho's Downfall,” delivered to them in the Church of St. Margaret, Westminster. The verso of this leaf has—“Collected in the parish of Otham for the reparation of the great losse by fire in the Town of Marleborough in the Countie of Wilts, the summe of two and twenty shillings and three half pence, on the 10 day of July 1653.” Signed by Thomas Heron, minister, and the marks of John Olive, churchwarden, and Thomas Brenchley, overseer.

A scrap of a paper leaf at the end of this Register, has in faded ink, the entry of a Baptism in 1597, and may be a fragment of the original paper Register.

There are many curious and instructive entries, of which the following are examples :—

“Februa. the 15, 1629. Were Married Andrew Jones of the Parish of Maidstone, Milkman; and Livia Hodges of the Parish of Charing, Virgin; by virtue of a licence from the Office at Canterbury.”

“Januar. 26 (1611). John the sonne of John Grymsby and of Anne his wief, being of the p'ishe of Maydstone, the weather being fowle” (Baptism).

“Feb 3. (1623). William the sonne of Ralph Buffkyn, Esquire and of Anne his wief, at his house in the tyme of a great snow, when the child c'old not be browght to the Church; but in the p'sence of a verie sufficient congregation.”

" 1625. June 7. Barbara Buffyn, an ancient virgin and a gentlewooman, buried."

" May the 12. (1627). Buried the 12 of May a stranger whose name was Robert, but his surname not knownen, who havinge beene cruelly beaten at Maidstone died here."

The Marriages and Baptisms (but not the Burials) of this Register were transcribed by the former vicar, the Rev. F. M. Millard (1869-1909).

No. 2 is a parchment book 13½ in. by 8 in. and the orderly registration is resumed from 1657 by John Davis, rector (1654-77). The "Christenings" of 1657 begining on leaf 7. Leaves 1 to 6 contain Baptisms from 1687 to 1723; and within this section on leaves 2 and 3 are Births and Burials recorded by Dr. Henry Cook the Register between the years 1653 and 1656. On leaf 2 are the following:—" Memorandum, that Henrie Cook, Doctor, was sworne Register of the parische of Otham according to the late Act for Marriages, Births, and burials this sixth and twentieth day of Januarie 1653, by me W. Maddox."

" Dr. Cooke of Ottham was Register of the said parish from the yeare 1653 till the yeare 1656. Testified by mee, John Davis, who came to be Rector of Ottham, 1654."

" Memorandum. That from the yeare 1647 to the yeare 1653, Mr. Herne serv'd the cure of Ottham under Mr. Willson minister of Maidstone, during all wch. time there is neither Marriage, Christening, or Buriall Entred in the Register booke of Otham. Testified by me, John Davis, Rector of Ottham."

On leaf 5. " Memorandum. Here I began to Register, Dr. Cook being gone out of the parish. And the different Hands were written fair by my curate, Testified by me, John Davis, Rector of Otham."

No. 3 is a parchment book 13 in. by 7½ in. and from 1727 to the end was kept in beautiful order and neatness by Samuel Horne (1727-68) and his son William Horne (1769-1821) who were successively rectors. Amongst the Marriages, Samuel Horne's first entry records his own marriage in 1727 with Anne Hendley, through whom the mansion and estate of Gore Court came into the possession of the Horne, Tatton-Brockman, and Kirkwood families. Among the Baptisms of 1730 is that of their second son George Horne who became President of Magdalen College, Oxford, Vice Chancellor of the University, Dean of Canterbury, and Bishop of Norwich (died 1792). It was to this George Horne that Edward Gibbon referred as " the only student among the Fellows of Magdane in his day. John Wesley refers to his " Commentary on the Psalms as—" I suppose the best that was ever wrote."

William Stevens who was Treasurer of Queen Anne's Bounty and founder of the " Society of Nobody's Friends," was a nephew of Samuel Horne, and buried in Otham churchyard 14 February 1807.

Registers kept at the Parsonage in an oak chest. They were formerly kept in the statutable iron box in the Vestry, but the box was twice broken open by thieves and the Registers left lying in a hopfield.

B. 1. *Churchwardens' Accounts* :— 7 vols.—1653; 1655-56; 1660; 1663-75; 1678-88; 1717-63; 1813-1905.

[Extracts from these accounts 1665 to 1763 about the bells are printed in "Church Bells of Kent" p. 366-8.]

Church Rate Books:—4 vols.—1846-51; 1852-8; 1861-70; 1883-88.

2. *Overseers' Accounts*:—9 vols.—1642-3; 1645-57; 1660-65 (fragments); 1713-28; 1728-47; 1748-67; 1806-22; 1823-35; 1836-48. Also Book of assessment for 1837.
3. *Waywardens' Accounts*:—1809-25; 1825-36. Wages Book 1842-3.
6. *Vestry Minute Books*:—2 vols.—1837-65; 1865 to present time.
7. *Inventory of Church goods* made in 1824, on the fly leaf of Burial Register No. 8.
8. Terriers of Church Lands, two copied from Diocesan Registry dated 1630, and 1833.
9. *Tithe Map*, in the custody of the Rector.
10. *Deeds*, Bundle of Dilapidated Deeds (17th and 18th Century) of Hendley's Charity. Also Hendley's Charity Accounts 1837 to 1914.
12. Documents relating to the consecration of a new portion of churchyard, 1865.

Class B kept at the Parsonage.

OTTERDEN, St. Laurence.

A.	1. Mixed 1660-1813	4. Bapts. 1813-
	2. Mars. 1754-1812	5. Burs. 1813-
	3. , 1813-1837	6. Mars. 1837-

Transcripts begin 1570.

Gaps: No Baptisms 1690-2, no Marriages 1662-9; and no Burials 1666-82.

No. 1 is a parchment book and has been copied by Mr. John Ribton Garston, M.R.I.A., F.S.A., London, and Scotland, 1906.

Registers kept at the Rectory.

- B.
6. *Vestry Minute Book*, 1831 to the present time.
7. *Inventory of church goods*, 1895.
8. *Terrier of church lands*, 1895.
9. *Tithe Map*, in the Rector's Custody.
11. *Faculty*, for chancel, 1892.
13. *Parish Charities*, Records of Bunce, and Payne Charities.

Class B kept at the Rectory.

PADDLESWORTH, St. Oswald.

A.	1. Mixed 1715-1812	3. Bapts. 1813-
	2. Burs. 1813-	4. Mars. 1848-

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1565.

The Registers in use are kept in the Churchwarden's house. The Older Registers are kept in Lyminge Church.

B. 1. *Churchwardens' Accounts*. 1 Vol. 1762-1796.
6. *Vestry Book*, 1 Vol. from 1891.
9. *Maps*. Tithe Map in the Custody of the Rector of Lyminge.

Class B kept at Lyminge Rectory.

PATRIXBOURNE, St. Mary the Virgin.

A.	1. Mixed	1556-1762	5. Bapts.	1813-
	2. ,,	1763-1812	6. Burs.	1813-
	3. Mars.	1754-1813	7. Mars.	1838-
	4. ,,	1813-1837		

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1560.

No. 1 is a parchment book the earlier entries being transcriptions made in 1598 from an earlier Register. The entries between 1644-1660 appear to be normal in number, and to have been made by the Vicar. Inside the cover of this Book is the following note: "Anno Dni 1674 Palmer at St. Dunstan in ye suburbs of Canterbury cast anew two of ye three bells belonging to Patr ixbourne Parish Church, the third or biggest bell when cast anew weighed 529 li. The first or least bell when new cast weighed 333li. John Makallar, Vicar of Patr ixbourne, Christopher Sympson Sen (a mayson) Ch'Warden."

An entry of marriage of the year 1669 has been carefully blotted out.

Extract. "William ye son of John Mary Boys (of the Command-
owne house baptised. April ye 10th, 1687."

1668. "Memd. that John Maskaller, Vicar and Minister of Patrixbourne did cause tenn ash trees to be planted in the Churchyard of Patrixbourne on December 19th, 1668 and at the same time or 2 or 3 dais before there was 2 very old and rotten Ash trees taken downe."

1679. A Stranger, being an ancient man, and a supposed Papist by his Rosary, Beads, and Crucifix who died at Higham Farm was buried in Woollen ve 5th day of November.

Register kept at the Church.

B 1. *Churchwardens' Accounts*: One Vol. 1841—to date.
6. *Vestry Minute Books*: One, (recent).
7. *Inventories of Church Goods*: One, date 1893.
9. *Tithe Map*, kept at the Bifrons' Estate Office.

Class B kept at the Vicarage.

PETHAM, All Saints.

A.	1. Mixed	1558-1694	7. Burs.	1813-1883
	2. "	1694-1723	8. Mars.	1813-1837
	3. "	1723-1800	9. Bapts.	1859-
	4. Mars.	1754-1812	10. Mars.	1837-
	5. Bapts.			
		& Burs	11. Burs.	1883-
	6. Bapts.	1801-1812	12. ,	1739-1808
				(in Woollen)

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1564.

No. 1 is a parchment book, one page covering the period between 1565-1568 has been cut out. There are some notes in the Book of 17th century Vicars.

Registers kept at the Vicarage.

B. 1. *Churchwardens' Accounts*, from 1836.
 6. *Vestry Minute Books*; 3 Vols. 1793 to 1838; 1838 to 1863; 1864 to present time.
 9. *Tithe Map*, in the custody of the Vicar.
 10. *Deeds*, Seven Deeds, dated 1626, 1658, 1705, 1731, 1779, 1819, 1876 concerning Edward Strong, Charity.
 11. *Faculty*, for addition to the churchyard, 1906.

Class B kept at the Vicarage.

PLUCKLEY, St. Nicholas.

A.	1. Mixed	1560-1662	9. Mars.	1754-1803
	2. Mixed	1785-1804	10. "	1803-1813
	3. "	1662-1804	11. "	1813-1837
	4. Bapts.	1803-1813	12. "	1877-
	5. "	1813-1846	13. Burs.	1678-1773
	6. "	1846-1880	14. "	1773-1804
	7. "	1880-1908	15. "	1813-1868
	8. "	1908-	16. "	1868-

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1564.

No. 1. In a parchment book, there is a note that the entries from 1560 to 1598 were "done at the expense of Sir E. Dering 1598." The entries between 1644-1660 continue without a break and are about the average. They are divided into "Births," "Births and Baptisms," "Marriages," "Burials." The births and baptisms were entered by Edward Lynes, Minister of the Gospell.

The only entries which throw light upon the history of the Parish Church and its incumbents are (1) Statements about buying the Old Rectory in 1751, and the present Rectory in 1816. (2) Notes on the restoration of the Church in 1749. (3) Notes on the foundation of the Parish Schools in 1742 and (4) Foundation of the Mission Church in 1880.

The Registers are kept partly at the Church and partly at the Rectory.

B. 1. *Churchwardens' Account Books*, 3 Vols., 1745-1776, 1776-1822, 1846.....
 2. *Overseers' Account Books*, 9 Vols. 1. 1628-1664; 2. 1664-1730; 3. 1705-1730; 4. 1758-1778; 5. 1760-1782. 6. 1804-1820; 7. 1817-1824; 8. 1828-1844; 9. 1844-1860.
 3. *Waywardens' Books*, 3 Vols., 1664-1760; 1762-1790; 1790-1820.
Overseers' Papers. (Settlement Papers etc.). A packet from 1668-1826.
 4. *Briefs*. There are some entries in the above books but no separate Brief book.
 9. *Tithe Map* and *Glebe Map*, in the custody of the Rector.

Class B kept at the Rectory.

POSTLING, St. Mary the Virgin.

1. Mixed	1687-1812	4. Mars.	1814-1837
2. Bapts.	1813-	5. "	1837-
3. Burs.	1813-		

The Registers are kept at the Vicarage, they are in good condition.

Transcripts in the Diocesan Registry begin 1563.

B. 1. *Churchwardens' Accounts*. Several Volumes 1792-1812.
 9. *Tithe Map*, is in the custody of the Vicar.
 Class B kept in the Register Chest.

PRESTON-NEXT-FAVERSHAM, St. Catherine.

A. 1. Mixed	1559-1650 ?	9. Mars.	1754-1812
2. "	1651-1736	10. "	1813-1837
3. "	1736-1809	11. "	1837-1881
4. "	1810-1812	12. "	1881-
5. Bapts.	1813-1851	13. Burs.	1813-1861
6. "	1852-1871	14. "	1862-1911
7. "	1871-1893	15. "	1911-
8. "	1893-		

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1563.

No. 1 is a parchment book 12½ in. by 8 in., very badly perished especially the last two pages, and is preserved in a modern vellum envelope. This Register has been copied to 1617. The Marriages, Baptisms and Burials are entered as they occurred, and the occupation of those buried is generally given. After the beginning of 1644 no complete entry is decipherable, but fragments of two more pages by months can be traced up to October 1646, and there would be room in the remains of that page to go up to 1650.

John Ridley, Vicar (in 1617) signs the Register in 1620, and at the foot of each page up to 1643.

No. 2 is a parchment book 10½ in. by 7½ in., the entries are mixed 1651 to 1663-4, then separate pages intermingled for Baptisms, Marriages and Burials 1663 to 1736. The entries nearly reach the usual average between 1651 and 1660. This Register has been copied.

No. 3 is a parchment book 6½ in. by 7½ in., and contains Marriages 1736-54, and Baptisms and Burials 1736-1809. After the Marriage entries are some notes:—"The Foundation stone of the new buildings to the Vicarage House was laid by me. G. Sykes, vicar, April 30th, 1754." "He built the four rooms at the West end of the Chapel." A note of later date—"The Vicarage House was partly rebuilt in 1879 and 1880, at a cost of £1300 odd. J. Russell Cooke, vicar." This Register has been copied.

No. 4 is a parchment book of Baptisms and Burials 1810-12. It contains plans of a later date of the tombs etc., in the chancel; also notes on the Bells; copies of inscriptions and other notes, some copied from Cozen's "Tour through the Isle of Thanet, 1793."

No. 9 which has the Marriages, 1754-1812, contains also one entry of 1820. In this Register is a copy of the Act to prevent clandestine marriages, 1753.

Registers kept in two Safes in the Church.

B. 1. *Churchwardens' Accounts*: 3 Vols., 1796-1825; 1836-81; 1849-86.
3. *Highway Accounts*, 1782-1836.

PRESTON-NEXT-WINGHAM, St. Mildred.

A.	1. Mixed 1558-1657	6. Mars. 1813-1837	✓
	2. „ 1657-1739	7. Bapts. 1813-1866	✓
	3. „ 1740-1812	8. Mars. 1838-1912	✓
	4. Mars. 1754-1812	9. Bapts. 1866-1912	✓
	5. Burs. 1813-1904	10. Burs. 1904-1912	

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1566.

Gaps: Baptisms are deficient 1605-1611. Marriages are deficient 1643-1659.

The Registers are in fair condition (except vol. 1 which is dilapidated) and are kept in an iron safe in the Rectory.

B. 1. *Churchwardens' Accounts*, 1822 to the present time.
6. *Vestry Minute Book*, from 1846 to the present time.
9. *Maps*. *Tithe Map*, and papers relating to altered apportionment and Tithe Redemption in the Custody of the Vicar.
10. *Deeds*, etc., Will of Mary Keel, 1883.
13. *Charities*. Account of Watts Charity 1729.

Class B kept at the Rectory.

QUEENBOROUGH, Holy Trinity.

A.	1. Mixed 1719-1777	8. Mars. 1799-1837	
	2. Bapts. 1777-1810	9. „ 1837-1879	
	3. „ 1810-1833	10. „ 1879-	
	4. „ 1833-1857	11. Burs. 1777-1811	
	5. „ 1858-1901	12. „ 1811-1845	
	6. „ 1901-	13. „ 1845-1882	
	7. Mars. 1754-1799	14. „ 1882-	

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin in 1571.

The Registers before 1719 are said to have been burnt by fire, but there is no record of this.

In one of them is the following note:—"Memorandum, October 31st, 1857. Having found these three Marriage Registers in a ragged and slovenly state, I got them repaired and bound up thus substantially, the three books in this one volume, for the benefit of posterity; like the good tenant farmer of whom Cicero in his book *De Senectute* says: "Serit arbores altior saeculo profuturas." Richard Bingham, M.A., Oxon., Incumbent of this Parish, since May, 1856."

No. 1 is a parchment book. The average yearly number of Baptisms is 13.

The yearly average of Marriages is 3.

The Burials average 15. Persons from quarantine Ships in Standgate creek, and from the Fort at Sheerness, were sometimes buried at Queenborough instead of in the Mother parish of Minster.

e.g. In " 1727, May 20th, Buried a stranger from on board a ship ; and in 1761 a child born and baptised on board the Princess Charlotte a Hospital Ship."

In No. 11 Register is the following note :—" 1782, November 7, William Richard Tull, drowned accidentally, being run down in the Watch Boat, also William Terry his apprentice." " 1796, October 4th William Handy hanged for desertion on board H. M. Ship Sandwich."

" 1798, December 28th. A person from the Spanker, aged 18, by the name of William Holland, who after her decease, was found to be a Female."

The Registers are kept at the Vicarage, and are in good condition.

B.

- 1. *Churchwardens' Accounts*, 1907 to the present day.
- 2. *Overseers' Accounts*, 1814 to 1838.
- 6. *Vestry Minute Books* :—Five Volumes from 1731 : also from 1907 to present time.
- 11. *Faculty*, for building a Vestry, 1910 ; and for a Lych Gate, 1914.
- 12. *Act of consecration*, of the land added to the churchyard, 1813.
- 13. *Records of Parish Charities*, James Unwin Heygate's 1908. Charlotte Wiglesworth's, 1912.

Class B kept at the Vicarage.

RAINHAM, St. Margaret.

A. Registers :—

1. Mixed	1592-1682	9. Burs.	1871-1888
2. ,	1682-1812	10. Bapts.	1882-1906
3. Mars.	1754-1813	11. Mars.	1881-1896
4. Bapts.	1813-1853	12. Burs.	1888-
5. Mars.	1813-1837	13. Mars.	1896-1906
6. Burs.	1813-1870	14. Bapts.	1906-
7. Bapts.	1853-1882	15. Mars.	1906-
8. Mars.	1837-1881		

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1560.

No. 1 is a parchment book of Baptisms and Burials 1592 to 1682, and Marriages 1638 to 1682. At the bottom of each of the first three pages in both Baptisms and Burials is written :—" Concordat cum vetere, per me Christr. Powell, vic. et nos Stephen Smith, his mark, Edward Cooke, his mark. Churchw." Five leaves have been cut out of this book.

"Richard Pratt, malster," was sworn "Register of Raynham," 14 February 1654. The Registers appear badly kept, and the entries are in different handwritings. There is an entry of a Marriage at Rochester, and of another at Bredhurst, in 1656.

Also the following note:—"Memorandum that at the ffeast of the Nativitie of Chr. our blessed Savior, Anno. Dom. 1632, the right honourable Frances, Countess Dowager of Thanet, gave to the parish of Rainham, near Rochester two flaggons of silver to be used alwaiies and onely at the Administration of the Lord's Supper. In witness whereof wee the Minister and Churchwardens then being have hereunto sett our handes." Henry Warren. Curatus.

Nich. Pollu his mark }
George Gouldart } Churchwardens.

(*See Archæologia Cantiana*, Vol. XVII, 63; and XXVI, 205.)

No. 2 is a parchment book of the Baptisms and Burials 1682 to 1812, and Marriages 1682 to 1753. At the end of this Register is—"An Inventory of the Books, Vestments, and Vessels," belonging to the church in 1751.

No. 4 on the first page has a list of the Registers then existing.

The Registers are kept partly in the Church and partly in a Safe at the Vicarage. Condition: Nos. 1 and 6 fair, the rest good.

B. 1. *Churchwardens' Accounts*: 3 Vols., (1) 1516-19; (2) 1565-69; and fragments of 1593-96 and 1642; (3) 1634-1786. In the accounts of 1659 mention is made of the "Stocke house" or Cage, which stood at the west end of the green by the church path, and was pulled down in 1850. In 1681 is an entry referring to "the Jossing block; and in 1794 a "Sundial" is mentioned, both of which have disappeared.

[The Accounts for the years 1517-19, and 1565-69 are printed in *Archæologia Cantiana*, Vol. XV, 333-7.]

Some Briefs are to be found in the Churchwardens' Accounts, among them one in 1661 "ffor advance of ye Royall fffishing, 19-3d."; and in 1665 "towards the releife of the Visitees in London £1 10s. 6d."

A somewhat similar entry is in the Poor Book of 1667,— "towards the relief of the poor *wisited* of Chatham by order of the Sessions, besides whatt is yet beheind to be paid after the rate of 15/- per weeke, £10."

[This refers to the Great Plague of London, which spread into the country].

2. *Overseers' Accounts*:—4 Vols (1) 1636-1670; (2) 1716 to 1734; (3) 1749 to 1773; (4) 1817 to 1830; also later books.
3. *Waywardens' Accounts*; 4 Vols 1821 to 1836; 1845-6, 1861; 1861-2.
6. *Vestry Minute Books*.—4 Vols., from 1704 to the present time. Among the entries is the following:—"July 5th, 1730. Whereas att a Vestry in the Parish Church of Raynham on Sunday ye 24th of May last past, it was agreed by ye Parishioners then present to assess the Rev. Mr. Shove, Vicar of the sd Parish att an £100 pr. ann. towards ye Poors

Rate and accordingly he ye sd. Vicar was so charged to a Rate bearing date ye 31st of ye same May last past. We whose names are underwritten ye Churchwardens Overseers and Principal Inhabitants of ye Parish, upon sober and mature deliberation do think proper to reverse and disannul ye sd Order of Vestry (bearing date ye 24th May last past) and everything that is or may be charged on Mr. Shove in consequence of ye sd. Order. And further Mr. Shove haveing engaged that two sermons shall be preached on Sundays both summer and winter; and that neither he nor his Curate shall or will expect any Surplice Fees for any Offices relateing to ye Poor; we do unanimously agree that Mr. Shove shall not be charged or assessed anything to any Poor Rate whatever; and that his name for the future shall not be inserted in any Poor Book, so long as there shall be 2 Sermons a day."

Another entry is:—"At a Vestry holden at the Green Lion, at Raynham on Easter Monday, 1754, as the Churchwarden not being at Church as Usual to chuse officers we do agree to spend one pound one shilling and to pay the same out of the Church Sess." In another handwriting is added. "No more of this for the future."

9. *Maps.* Tithe Map in the custody of the Vicar.
10. *Deeds etc.* Lease of two acres (Longshot) 1623. Lease of two acres (Pear Orchard) 1762 and 1765. Grant of land for School, by the Earl of Thanet, 1846. Conveyance of land for school by Sir H. J. Tufton, 1875. Conveyance of land by L.C.D. Railway, 1872.
11. *Faculty,* to move a Monument, and other alterations at the expense of the Countess of Thanet, 1636.

Records in Class B kept in the Church Chest.

RAMSGATE, St. George.

A.	1. Mars.	1827-1837	10. Bapts.	1837-1846
	2. "	1837-1845	11. "	1847-1859
	3. "	1845-1855	12. "	1859-1873
	4. "	1855-1863	13. "	1873-1887
	5. "	1863-1872	14. "	1887-1905
	6. "	1872-1881	15. Burs.	1827-1844
	7. "	1881-1894	16. "	1845-1857
	8. "	1894-1906	17. "	1858-1870
	7. Bapts.	1827-1837		

Registers kept at the Church.

- B. 6. *Vestry Minute Book,* 1827-1900.

Holy Trinity.

- A. 1. Bapts. 11th June, 1845.
2. Mars. 13th December 1862.

St. Luke.

A. 1. Bapts. 30th January, 1876.
 2. Mars. 29th September, 1877.
 B. 1. *Churchwardens' Accounts*, 1876-1905.
 9. *Map*, and Plan of the Parish.
 11. *Faculty*, for removal of the Organ, 1908; for Memorial Tablets, 1912.

St. Paul.

A. 1. Bapts. 1884.
 2. Mars. 1887.

RECULVER, St. Mary.

A. 1. Mixed 1602-1680 6. Mars. 1813-1836
 2. „ 1680-1728 7. Bapts. 1880-
 3. „ 1727-1812 8. Burs. 1813-
 4. Mars. 1754-1809 9. Mars. 1837-
 5. Bapts. 1813-1880

Two Banns Books (1) 1825-1847, (2) 1874-1913.

Gaps:—No entries 1651-53, no Marriages 1657-1664, and no Burials 1659-1663.

Transcripts in the Diocesan Registry begin 1565.

No. 1 is a parchment book 8 in. by 12 in. and on the last page of the cover is written:—"Towards the Redemption of ye English Captives now under Turkish Slavery, the voluntary contributions of the vicar and parishioners. 6 January 1670."

Registers kept at the Church. Nos. 1 and 2 require rebinding.

B. 1. *Churchwardens' Accounts*:—5 Vols.
 1. 1637-1651 4. 1698-1715
 2. 1675-1686 5. 1715-1724
 3. 1685-1698
 Church Rate Assessments, 4 Vols.
 1. 1770-1801 3. 1822-1848
 2. 1788-1815 4. "Little Book" 1808-1870
 2. *Overseers' Accounts*, Rate Books, 5 Vols., from 1838 to 1854.
 3. *Surveyors' Accounts*, 2 vols. 1855-58. 1860.
Highway Accounts, 1860-1862.
 6. *Vestry Minute Book*, 1862-1913.
 9. *Tithe Map* in the custody of Mr. Allington Collard of Reculver.

Class B kept in an oaken chest in the Church.

RINGWOULD, St. Nicholas.

A. 1. Mixed 1569-1746 5. Mars. 1813-1836
 2. „ 1747-1812 6. Burs. 1813-1909
 3. Mars. } 1754-1812 7. Bapts. 1847-
 & Banns } 8. Mars. 1837-
 4. Bapts. 1813-1846 9. Burs. 1909-

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1560.

The Registers are in good order (except the first two) and are kept in an iron box at the Rectory.

The entries between 1644 and 1660 are not quite up to the average.

B.

1. There are 6 vols. of Churchwardens' Accounts continuous.
from 1681: those between 1778 and 1786 are missing.
2. 8 vols. of Overseers' Accounts 1743-1835.
3. 1 vol. of Surveyors' Accounts 1847-1853.
6. 1 Vestry Minute book 1829.
7. 3 Inventories dated 1772, 1813, and 1824, respectively.
8. 1 Terrier 1897.
9. Tithe Map, in the custody of the Rector.

These records are kept at the Rectory.

RIPPLE, St. Mary the Virgin.

A.

1. Mixed 1560-1783	5. Bapts. 1813-
2. " 1783-1812	6. Burs. 1813-
3. Mars. } 1755-1811	7. Mars. 1813-
& Banns	8. " 1837-
4. " 1813-1839	

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1563.

These Registers are in fairly good condition and are kept in an iron box at the Rectory.

The earliest Register is an unusually interesting one, copious extracts from which were printed in *Archæologia Cantiana*, xxvii.

See also Appendix.

B.

1. One vol. of Churchwardens' accounts 1831-1909.
2. One vol. of Overseers' accounts, 1828-1836.
3. One Highway book 1808-1838.
6. One Vestry Minute book 1884.
- 7, 8. One Inventory (1895), brought up to date 1912.
One Terrier (1731) in Register No. 1, and one of the same date but rather different on a separate sheet.
9. Tithe Map and Award, and several later re-apportionments.
These books are mostly in poor condition and are kept at the Rectory.

RIVER, SS. Peter and Paul.

A.

1. Mixed 1620-1760	7. Mars. 1814-1837
2. " 1760-1804	8. Bapts. 1849-1905
3. Bapts. 1760-1812	9. Burs. 1873-
4. Mars. 1764-1812	10. Mars. 1837-
5. Bapts. 1813-1849	11. Bapts. 1906-
6. Burs. 1813-1873	12. Burs. 1760-1804 (<i>Transcripts</i>)

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1568.

Gaps: No Baptisms 1670-41, 1674-7, 1768-75.

No Marriages 1702-14, 1812-14.

No Burials 1674-92, 1805-13, 1763-99.

There is a note referring to the last mentioned gap in Register 2 as follows: "The only reason for the deficiency in the Register here is that a school was kept in the Church in the year 1802 and 1803 and the scholars got to the book and tore it." The entries were, however, copied in 1811 by William Lancaster, curate, who has made a note to that effect in French in Register 12.

No. 1 is partly of parchment and partly of paper, paper taking the place of parchment in 1752. On the front page is the following entry "The Register Book of River parish in Kent on the first five parchment leaves of which are contained the particulars of the old paper Register Book of the said Parish to the 26th day of May 1714. Mr. Richard Marsh, Cur', and Thomas Wood, then Churchwarden."

Registers 1 and 2 are in fair condition, the remainder good. The Registers are kept in an iron box but whether at the Church or Vicarage is not stated.

B. 1. *Churchwardens' Accounts*, from 1849.
 6. *Vestry Minute Book* :—from 1876.
 9. *Tithe Map* :—in the custody of the Vicar.
 11. *Faculties*, two, (1) For reseating Church, and building apse and porch 1876. (2) For new porch 1901.

No. 1 kept by Churchwarden; 6 in the church; 8 and 9 at the Vicarage.

RODMERSHAM, St. Nicholas.

A. 1. Mixed 1538-1724 5. Bapts. 1812-1892
 2. „ 1725-1812 6. Burs. 1812-
 3. Mars. 1753-1812 7. Mars. 1837-
 4. „ 1812-1837 8. Bapts. 1892-

Gaps:—There are no entries for the years 1553 to 1559 inclusive, and the Vicar and churchwardens in 1597 said that they could find no copies of registers for those years.

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1561.

No. 1 is a parchment book, about 16 in. by 6 in., and was rebound in leather 1808.

This Register begins:—"Catalogus non solum omnium eorum nominum qui in hac sacra aede sacrosanctum baptismatis sacramentum receperimus (sic), verum etiam et eorum qui antiquissimo coniugii vinculo ad invicem in aede predicta sunt constricti, necnon quorum et corpora in huius ecclesiae sanctuario cœnem cemiterio sepulturae tradita sunt, ab anno Jesu Christi nativitatis millesimo quingentesimo tricesimo octavo usq' ad diem presentem."

The Register is signed by John Milles, vicar, to the end of 1607; Brian Branch, minister, to the end of 1623 (he was buried 18 January 1625-6); William Juell, minister in 1626 (buried 28 June 1639); James Wilkins, vicar 1640-43; William Hardy, M.A., vicar 1644; John Wright, minister, 1647. (vicar 1648-52); John Raynalles, or Reynolds, "Regester" 1654-59; John White, vicar, 1663-4; Samuel Symonds, curate, 1669-89; William Bacheller, rector of Milsted, 1693; John Swanne, vicar, 1712-19; John Seale, vicar, 1722-3.

No. 2 measures 14 in. by 8 in. and contains Baptisms, Marriages and Burials, entered together, until 1751; then Burials to 1810; and Marriages for 1751-2.

There are notes on the fly leaves of this Register concerning restorations of the church and vicarage; and a copy of a Terrier of 10 May 1630.

The Registers are kept in a fire proof Safe at the Church.

B. 1. *Churchwardens' Accounts* :—3 Vols. (1) 1747 to 1784; (2) 1784 to 1809; (3) 1786 to 1872.
9. *Tithe Map*, in the custody of the Vicar.

Class B kept with the Registers.

ROLVENDEN, St. Mary.

A.	1. Mixed	1544-1638	8. Mars.	1813-1836
	2. ,,	1639-1653	9. Bapts.	1813-1856
	3. ,,	1653-1749	10. Burs.	1813-1875
	4. Burs.	1726-1785	11. Mars.	1837-1898
	5. Bapts. & Burs.	1749-1754	12. Mars.	1898-
	6. Mars.	1749-1754	13. Bapts.	1856-
	7. ,,	1754-1785		

Gaps :—No baptisms 1653-1660.

No. 1 is a long narrow parchment book. The entries 1544-1598 are transcripts from an earlier register. Marriages and Burials do not begin until 1558.

On the first leaf of this Book are notes relating to the payment of the Fifteenth and Tenth from the Parish to the King's Exchequer, N.D.

From 1570 to 1589 the marriage entries are prefaced with the words "holy matrimony was solemnized."

On folio 115 is a copy of the last Will of Clement Unkle, dated 19 April, 1570.

Extracts :—1590 Dec. 27. Richard' Dunslake vicarius (qui huic parochiae triginta duolus annis prefuit) sepultus fuit."

1593, Aug. 5. "Elizabeth da of John Coole, bellfounder," (Bap^d)

1594. Mch 17. "Abiah the son of Willm. Reade vicar of this parish and preacher of the word was baptized."

1596 "A soldier coming as it is thought out of France was founde dead in the woode of Robert Gibbon in the way to Kencham and was viewed by Thos. Read constable of this hundred and others, and in their judgment is taken to dye of the hurte which he did take in one of his legges by shootte, was buried on the last day of Aprill."

1602. "Mary Boys who was exomd (*excommunicated*) and so stood at the time of her death was committed to the earth by William Homes her father in law and other her friends on the three and twentieth day of April."

1608. "Jarvys Hodge a poore man dying of the plague as it is said was buried not farre from his house on the first day of June."

1627. "The widdow of Daniel Beechin hanged herself and was buried in the high street leading to Tenterden 13 day of June."

Register 3 has on a fly leaf an "account of the Briefs collected in the parish of Rovenden 1661-1692.

Register No. 4 is a small 4to paper book containing the affidavits made concerning burials in woollen.

Register No. 5, on certain blank leaves are (1) a copy of an inscription on a brass plate fixed to the south wall of Mr. Gibbons chancel taken Jan. 4 1774 by Thos. Morphett, Vicar:—"Fundata fuit haec capella in die Sanctorum Tiburci et Valeriani martyr, per Edwardum Guldeford armigerum in honorem sanctae Anne et sanctae Catharinæ virginis anno dni' 1444;" (2) Notes and memoranda made in recent times, *e.g.* Inventory of Communion Plate, 1883; and of the contents two iron safes at the Vicarage; gifts made to the Church 1857; memoranda relating to Baptisms; congregational attendance, Church collections, etc.

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1560.

The Registers—with the exception of No. 2, which requires rebinding, are in good order, they are kept at the Vicarage. There is a M.S. Index made by the Rev. E. Jermyn in 1899, which is deposited in the iron box with the Registers.

- B. 5. *Brief Books*, A small 4to paper book containing copies of Briefs 1707-1740.
6. *Vestry Minute Book*, one 1857.
7. *Inventory of Church goods*, one 1892.
9. *Maps and Plans*, Tithe Map in the custody of the Rector. Plan of the Church, N.D.
10. *Deeds, etc.* Copy of a petition to the Court of Chancery 1716. Articles of enquiry from the Archdeacon's Court with Answers 1826.
- Licence to Parish Clerk 1817.
- Lane Chapel Trust deeds. Mortgage Q.A.B. 1885.
- Churchyard additions to 1868. Church Room Trust deed, 1912.
11. *Faculties*, 7 modern 1897-1912 (particulars not stated).
13. *Records of Parish Charities*, A small 4to book in the Register chest inscribed "Rolvenden Charities 1795."

Parochial Log Book beginning 1884, in use.

Class B kept at the Vicarage in an iron box.

ROMNEY, NEW, St. Nicholas.**A. Registers :—**

1. Mixed	1589-1707	9. Bapts.	1813-1855
2. ,,	1662-1742	10. Mars.	1819 (one entry only of Hope)
3. ,,	1743-1803	11. Burs.	1822 (one entry of Hope parish).
4. Mars.	1754-1810	12. Mars.	1838-1910
5. ,,	1810-1813	13. Bapts.	1855-1911
6. Bapts.	1802-1813	14. Burs.	1881-
7. Burs.	1813-1881	15. Bapts.	1911-
8. Mars.	1813-1837	16. Mars.	1910-

Transcripts in the Diocesan Registry begin 1564.

No. 1 is a parchment book which has suffered from damp, it contains the Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials in New Romney and Hope parishes. The first Baptism 1589, Marriage 1598, and Burial 1599.

Registers kept in the Church. Several require repair.

B. 1. Churchwardens' Accounts :—5 Vols.

(1) 1663-1711	(4) 1814-1829
(2) 1751-1785	(5) 1829 to the present day.
(3) 1787-1813	

Churchwardens' Rates and Accounts :—3 Vols.—(1) 1653-1696, (2) 1663-1711, (3) 1766-1788.

Church Rate Book 1848-1857.

2. Overseers' Accounts :—1788-1802; 1802-1826.

3. Overseers' Accounts of the parish of Hope :—1718-1760, 1761-1786, 1787-1847.

4. Waywardens' Accounts :—one vol., 1764.

6. Vestry Minute Books :—

(1) 1730-1772	(4) 1822-1832
(2) 1772-1810	(5) 1832-1842
(3) 1811-1822	(6) 1842 to the present time.

9. Tithe Map of Hope, and of New Romney in the custody of the Rector.

13. Records of Parochial Charities :—Southland's Charity.

Counterpart of Lease of Parish gardens 1724.

Copy of the appointment of George Purvis, B.A., to the curacy of the parish 1814.

Copy of licence for non-residence to Rev. R. Smith, 1848.

Sequestration and Relaxation of Vicarage 1838.

Class B kept in the Church.

ROMNEY, OLD, St. Clement.**A. Registers :—**

1. Mixed	1538-1813	5. Bapts.	1813-1865
2. Bapts.	1813-	6. Mars.	1756-1811
3. Mars.	1840-	7. ,,	1813-1838
4. Burs.	1813-		

Transcripts in the Diocesan Registry begin 1560.

No. 1 is a parchment book containing:—Baptisms, 1553–1586, Marriages 1538–1586, Burials 1538–1586, and then from 1586 to 1811. The entries in this Register are more numerous than in subsequent books, which fact points apparently to a larger population of the parish in the earlier period.

Two Banns Books from 1755.

The Registers are kept in the Church Nos. 5, 6, 7, are described as being in "Bad" condition.

B.

1. *Churchwardens' Accounts* from 1812 to present day.
2. *Overseers' Accounts* :—Parts of books from 1835.
3. *Waywardens' Accounts*, 1809–1842.
6. *Vestry Minute Books*, 1805 to present time.
7. *Inventories of Church Goods*, 1639, 1750, 1773.
9. *Tithe Map*, in the custody of the Rector.
10. *Deeds*.—One in Latin, dated 1547, relating to a dispute respecting certain tithes due to the rector of Old Romney, from the rector of Midley.
11. *Faculty*, one for Church Restoration, 1909.

RUCKINGE, St. Mary Magdalene.

A. Registers.

1. Mixed	1538–1698	6. Mars.	1813–1836
2. "	1678–1740	7. Bapts.	1813–1872
3. "	1692–1793	8. Burs.	1813–
4. "	1793–1813	9. Bapts.	1872–
5. Mars.	1755–1813	10. Mars.	1837–

Gaps:—No Baptisms:—1538 to 1549; 1602 to 1613; 1622 to 1637; and 1678 to 1686.

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1563.

The first three Registers are parchment, No. 2 having Baptisms and Burials; No. 3 Baptisms, Marriages and Burials; No. 4 a paper book of Baptisms and Burials.

In one of the Registers is the following note:—"In the year 1708, viz. from ye day of ye Annunciation 1708 to the Day of Annunciation 1709, there were more buried in the parish of Rucking than had been buried in any one year since ye Register of that parish begun, excepting ye year 1637 and 1638. For in those years more were buried, namely 24 in ye year 1637, and 23 in ye year 1638, whereas there were 21 buried in ye year 1708. But in those years I conceive that the parish had more inhabitants. For in ye year 1637 there were 14 children baptised, and 11 in ye year 1638. Whereas in ye year 1708 there were but 3 children baptised or born in the parish. So that in proportion to ye number of Inhabitants, there seems to have been a greater mortality here this last year than in any year before. In ye year 1612 there were 24 buried and 9 christened. It is certain that ye parish in those years when more died here than died this last year was fuller of inhabitants; for Richard May being aged about 46 years told me he could remember at least ten

Houses more in the parish than were in it now. He also told me that he had heard his mother say, when she was a girl (wch. was probably in ye years 1637 and 1638) that ye small pox was got into the parish and many died of it. But this year was no such Infectious Distemper. And whereas two or three were buried this year in this parish who were brought hither from other parishes where they died, there were as many or more wch. died here and were carried out of ye parish to be buried elsewhere. The number of houses in this parish is now about 30, so that ten Houses more is about a quarter part of ye Houses wch. formerly were in it. And of those which remain three or four have been empty this last year.

" In April 1614, I find by ye Register that one man Francis Standen by name, buried five children, viz.—Daniel, April 10; Thomas, April 12; Susan, April 12; John, April 13; Francis, April 13; three sons and two daughters all buried within four days, wch. is very remarkable. All these children as appears by the Register were born in the parish and baptised here, viz.:—Daniel, Feb. 15, 1601; John, March 18, 1603; Thomas, March 9, 1606, Francis, Feb. 25, 1607; Susan, Feb. 21, 1611. I do not find that he had any more children baptised here, so it is very probable this was his whole number. His wife's name is not put into the Register, only it is there that she was buried January 21, 1621; when they were married or when he died I do not find."

Also the following Notes:—

Memorandum that in the year 1692 Mr. John Lodge, Rector of ye parish of Rucking, having filled ye old parchment Register with christenings entered ye names of all persons baptised here from that time to his death (wch. happened March 25, 1705), into a paper Book wch. had been bought to Register ye names of those who had been buried in woollen, from whence they were afterwards transcribed by me Tho. Brett (his successor in ye Rectory of Rucking) into this Register Book.

The Marriages from ye begining of Registers to ye year 1705 are all entered in ye old parchment Register. From ye year 1705 inclusive they are all entered in this Book being therein immediately and duly Registered by me Tho. Brett, Rector.

The Burials since ye Act for burying in woollen having been registered only in a paper Book bought for that only purpose, unto wch. ye Justices of ye Peace are yearly to set their hands, I not conceiving ye old law for Registering Burials as well as Baptisms and Marriages on parchment to have been vacated by that Act have from ye foresaid paper Register transcribed all ye Burials from ye year 1687 (in wch. year Mr. Lodge left off to enter ye Burials upon parchment) to ye year 1692 in ye old parchment Register. And from ye year 1692 inclusive to ye year 1705 they are all entered into this Register. And from ye year 1705 I have duly and immediately entered all burials both in this Book and in ye old paper Register likewise Tho. Brett, Rector.

" There is a Rough Register of Baptisms from 1789 to 1804, and of Burials 1791 to 1801, on paper with vellum cover, with the following note inside:—" These rough notes of Baptisms and Burials are useful (though the entries are copied into the proper Register) as they give some additional information, namely in the notices of the burial of children or young persons, the parents names are inserted which is sometimes of much importance. W. J. Lightfoot, Oct. 25, 1861."

There is a list of the Rectors of the parish from 1288 to the present time.

Also a M.S. History of the Parish compiled by the Rev. E. M. Muriel.

Registers kept at the Rectory, Nos. 1 and 2 require repair.

B. 6. *Vestry Minute Book*, one. Mortgage Deed to Queen Anne's Bounty 1896. Two Certificates of Tithe Redemption.
 11. *Faculty* for the restoration of the church. (No particulars given).

ST. LAWRENCE IN THANET.

A.	1. Mixed	1559-1653	15. Mars.	1808-1812
	2. "	1653-1686	16. "	1813-1830
	3. "	1686-1726	17. "	1831-1837
	4. "	1726-1754	18. "	1837-1857
	5. "	1754-1771	19. "	1857-1881
	6. "	1771-1800	20. "	1881-1906
	7. "	1801-1812	21. "	1906-
	8. Bapts.	1813-1823	22. Burs.	1813-1830
	9. "	1823-1845	23. "	1830-1843
	10. "	1845-1890	24. "	1843-1867
	11. "	1890-1914	25. "	1867-1882
	12. Mars.	1754-1773	26. "	1882-1898
	13. "	1774-1795	27. "	1898-
	14. "	1796-1808		

Transcripts in the Diocesan Registry begin 1560.

The Registers from 1560 to 1653 were transcribed, printed, and indexed, in 1902.

B. 1. *Churchwardens' Accounts*, 3 Vols. (1) 1582-1620; (2) 1613-1648; (3) 1688-1709.
 Also Church-Rate Books, down to the present Century.
 2. *Overseers' Accounts*, from 1604, nearly continuous to the present time.
 6. *Vestry Minute Books*, from 1739 to present time.
 9. *Tithe Map*. Kept in the Vestry of the Church.
 Map of the glebe and churchyard, 1803.

[Inscriptions on Gravestones and other particulars will be found in Dr. C. Cotton's History of the Church, 1895.]

Class B kept in cupboards and in a Safe in the Church.

ST. MARGARET'S AT CLIFFE.

A.	1. Mixed	1558-1703.	6. Bapts.	1813-1851
	2. "	1703-1765	7. Mars.	1813-1836
	3. Bapts } 1755-1773		8. Burs.	1813-1865
	& Burs }		9. Mars.	1837-1912
	4. Mars.	1754-1812	10. Bapts.	1851-1912
	5. Bapts } 1773-1812		11. Burs.	1865-1912
	& Burs }			

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1564.

Gaps: No marriages 1746-1754, and 1657-1662.

The entries between 1558-1598 are transcripts from an earlier book.

B. 1. *Churchwardens' Accounts*. 2 Vols., (a) 1796-1829, contains copy of bequests of "Curfew land"; (b) 1830-1859.
 4. *Briefs*. At the end of Register No. 1, is a list of briefs between 1665-1676.
 6. *Vestry Minute Books*. 2 Vols. (a) 1849-1866; (b) 1866-.....
 7. *Terriers of Church Lands*. Terrier of Glebe lands, signed by W. Cole, Curate. Terrier and Inventory, 1895.
 10. *Deeds etc.* Lease and conveyances of Cottages in Cuckold's Row, 11 documents 1731-1763. Valuation of parish for Poor Rates 1826. Documents relating to Restoration of the Church 1864-69.
 11. *Faculties*. Stained glass window 1908. Case Memorial Tablet, 1904. Removing Organ 1905. Stained glass window in S. Aisle 1911.
 Grant by Archbishop of a yearly rent of £30, charged on the Rectory and Parsonage, to augment the Vicarage. Letters from the Ecclesiastical Commissioners relating to provision of a new parsonage; repairs to Church; and to Chancel of Westcliffe Church, 1860-1871.
 Specifications and plans for New Vicarage, 1870.
 Declaration of Trust of Parish Hall erected on Glebeland, 1904.
 Conveyance of Glebe House in Droveway in trust for the benefit of the Vicar, 1906; and of hereditaments and land adjoining the Churchyard 1906.
 Declaration of Trust. Walter Emden to Vicar and Churchwardens, 1910.

The Documents in Class B are kept in a fire-proof Safe in the Vestry.

ST. MARY'S IN THE MARSH.

A. 1. Mixed 1675-1813 4. Bapts. 1813-
 2. Mars. 1753-1812 5. Burs. 1813-
 3. , 1813-1836 6. Mars. 1837-

Transcripts in the Diocesan Registry begin 1560.

No. 1 is a parchment book (except the first four leaves which are of paper) 14 in. by 6 in.

From 1674 to 1722 this Register is mixed, after that date the Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials are entered in different parts of the book, but no Marriage entries after 1764.

Notes on the paper leaves of Register No. 1:— "July 1680. Then was given for ye Redemption of Captives in Turkish Slavery.

Feb. ye 19, 1681. Then was given for the Relief of distressed French Protestants.

July 1689. Given for ye Relief of distressed Irish Protestants.

Aug. 30, 1690. Given to ye briefe for Tingemouth yt was burnt by ye French 1690.

June 22.....Given for ye redemption of Captives in Turkish Slavery.

July ye 15, 1694. Given to a second briefe for distressed French Protestants.

June, 1695. Given towards ye relief of ye Sufferers by the fire of Warwick.

April 1699. Given for ye relief of French Protestants driven away to ye Vandois in Peidmont.

January the 30th 1700-1. Given then towards the Redemption of the Captives under the Emperor of Fez and Morocco.

Collected towards the Relief of the poor Sufferers by the fire of St. Mary Magdalene Bermondsey in the County of Surrey. Given March 1 to 16, 1700-1.

Feb. the 28th 1703-4. Given then towards the Relief of the French Protestants driven out of the Principallity of Orange, by Louie the fourteenth the King of France, because they would not change their religion.

The Rectory of St. Mary's was united to that of Old Romney by Royal Authority A.D. 1842. The Rev. John Nance, D. D. Oxon, who had been Rector of Old Romney since 1810, having been collated to this Rectory, and the parishes of Old Romney and St. Mary's in the Marsh formed into one united Benefice, February 1st 1842. Dr. Nance was instituted to the Rectory of Hope, All Saints, May 1827, which he holds by dispensation." Jo. Hills, Parish Clerke.

"Memorandum. The following copy of the Registers was taken out and forwarded to the House of Commons:—

There is also an Old Register, (*query*, Clerk's book) containing Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials entered together from 1675-1723.

Baptisms 1723 to 1812.

Marriages 1723 to 1754.

and Another Book with Marriages 1754 to 1812, and Burials 1723 to 1812."

In Register 5 the following notes occur:—

"Memorandum. On the death of the Rev. John Nance, D.D., in 1853 the Rectory of St. Mary's was by the order of the Queen in Council, disunited from the Rectory of Old Romney, and presented to the Rev. Henry, S. Mackarness, Curate of Dymchurch."

"The Rev. Henry Parker M.A., of Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, was instituted to this Rectory by John Bird (Sumner), Archbishop of Canterbury, on December 3rd, 1857."

The Registers are kept in the Church, and are in good condition.

B. 1. *Churchwardens' Accounts* :—3 Vols. (1) 1677-1754; (2) 1755-1851. (3) 1852 to present time.
Church Rate Book for Church repairs 1856-1864.

2. *Overseers' Accounts* :—3 Vols. (1) 1685; (2) 1836-1848; (3) 1848-1868. *Rate Books* :—Six Volumes.
Poor Books :—Two Volumes.

6. *Vestry Minute Books* :—3 Vols. (1) 1788—1820; (2) 1821—1828; (3) 1829 to present time.
7. *Inventories of Church Goods*, Two, dated respectively 1773 and 1883.
9. *Tithe Map*, in the custody of the Rector.

Class B kept in the Belfry of the Church.

ST. NICHOLAS AT WADE, IN THANET.

A.	1. Mixed 1653—1740	7. Bapts. 1845—1884
	2. „ 1741—1806	8. Mars. 1813—1837
	3. Bapts. 1806—1812	9. Burs. 1813—1865
	4. Mars. 1737—1787	10. Burs. 1865—
	5. „ 1788—1812	11. Bapts. 1884—
	6. Bapts. 1813—1844	12. Mars. 1837—

Gaps :—No Baptisms 1806—1813.

Transcripts in the Diocesan Registry begin 1564.

Register No. 1 is in fair condition the rest good, they are kept at the Church.

B.	1. <i>Churchwardens' Accounts</i> , 1749—1823.
	2. <i>Overseers' Accounts</i> , 3 Vols., from 1732 to 1836.
	3. <i>Waywardens' Accounts</i> , 2 Vols. (1) 1837—1847. (2) 1805—1837.
	6. <i>Vestry Minute Books</i> , 3 Vols., 1836 onwards.
	9. <i>Maps</i> . Tithe Map in the custody of the Vicar and Wardens. Map, and two plans of Charity Land at Chambers Wall Farm.

ST. PETER'S IN THANET.

A.	1. Mixed 1582—1643	12. Bapts. { 1833—1835
	2. „ 1643—1727	13. Mars. 1837—1860
	3. „ 1727—1777	14. Burs. 1848—1869
	4. Mars. 1754—1793	15. Mars. 1860—1905
	5. Bapts. } 1778—1812	16. Bapts. 1870—1902
	& Burs. }	17. Burs. 1870—1901
	6. Mars. 1793—1812	18. „ 1892—1909
	7. Bapts. 1813—1836	19. Bapts. 1902—
	8. Bapts. } 1813—1824	20. Mars. 1905—
	& Burs. }	21. Burs. 1909—
	9. Mars. 1813—1837	
	10. Burs. 1813—1847	
	11. Bapts. 1833—1859 (Bradstow Chapel.)	

Transcripts in the Diocesan Registry begin 1560.

In the second Register (1643—1727) the following note occurs :—
" Whereas some very prophanie and abominably covetous Person not having the true fear of God, and little considering or regarding the

heinousness of that dreadful crime of Sacrilege, (which is nothing less than the robbing of the Lord himselfe), did in the Year of Christ One thousand Six hundred and Eighty six, wickedly purloin from this Church of St. Peter in the Isle of Thanet, the holy communion cup, which hitherto hath not been conscientiously restored, and cannot be found to this day. Therefore Elizabeth Lovejoy of Canterbury, widdow, did not only last year voluntarily and most exemplarily expend money for the beautifull adorning of this Chancel with wainscot, and ornamenteally furnishing it with other necessary things; but that nothing might be wanting in this sacred place, and that all things according to the Apostles' rule might again be done decently and in order, Shee did also on this fifteenth day of Aprill being Easter day in the year of our Lord one thousand six hundred eighty and eight, out of her very pious affection towards our ever Blessed Redeemer, religiously offer solemnly dedicate and seasonably give, for present and future sacred use at the holy communion in this Church, one large silver Chalice with a cover to put the wine in, and two silver Patens to put the bread on, and one large silver Plate to Collect the Communicants' offerings in.

Humbly beseeching the Divine goodness graciously to accept of this her freewill offering, to abundantly bless all such as shall carefully preserve the same for the designed use; and to let his manifold curse and vengeance be powerfully showered down on all such as shall impiously presume sacrilegiously to steal or otherwise alienate the whole or any part of her offering to irreligious purposes or ends.

Witness:—Nicholas White, Vicar, John Carter, Robert Withourdon Churchwardens, Roger Taddye,Philpott, R. Crooke, Geo. Witherden, clerk.

“ And that every soul may be deterred from that great sin of sacrilege may they alwaies think that the Scripture saies—‘ It is a snare to the man who devoureth that which is holy ’—Prov. XX., 25. May they effectually consider what St. Paul saies—Rom. ii., 22, ‘ Thou that abhorest Idols, doest thou commit Sacrilege.’ From whence tis plain that Sacrilege is equall to, yea a greater sin than Idolatry. For the worst that can be said of the Idolater is that he worships a false God, but the sacrilegious wretch owns indeed the true God, and yet impudently invades and presumptuously robbes him, who in the second Commandment had declared that He visits the sins of the Fathers upon the Children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate Him. And can the sacrilegious person be so foolish as to think Almighty is so tame that He will not take vengeance on him and his posterity for violating and thievishly touching that which is God’s own property and dedicated to his peculiar Service. Were not Achan and all that he had destroyed, for covetously taking of that which was devoted and consecrated to the Lord. Josh. vii. Did not God smite proud Belshazzar whilst He and his Princes were prophanely drinking out of the golden and silver vessels which his grandfather Nebuchadnezzar had taken out of the Temple of the House of God. Dan. v. ? Were not Ananias and Sapphira his wife struck with sudden death, because they kept back part of the price of the land which they had before held and purposed to give to maintain the Church in Communion of God’s service. Acts v. ? Tis true the Almighty is so mercifull and long suffering that his just and severe sentence is not alwaies thus speedily executed against such evill works; yet let not the heart of the Sacrilegious be fully set to do

such evill, and to continue in the Sin also. For they may fully assure themuselves that sooner or later they shall not be unpunished. Because the Lord hath said by the prophet Zechariah, that a curse shall enter into the house of the Thief, and shall remain in the middle of it and comsume it with the timber thereof and the Stories thereof. Chap. v. So that we may easily understand this is not a single curse, but shall extend to the blasting rooting out and ruine of whole Families. Therefore if any desire their own happiness and that God's curse should not descend on them and their children, let every one that has been guilty of that ruining sin of Sacrilege, quickly restore that which hath been wickedly taken from the Church, and let every one that has not been guilty of the Sin, carefully avoid it. Which Almighty God give us all grace to do for the merits sake of the Lord Jesus. Amen. Amen."

(Then follows pen and ink sketches and descriptions of the Chalice, Patens, and Plate.)

In the same Register is also the following note:—

" Though our ever blessed Redeemer the Lord Jesus did little regard stateliness and Pomp in the whole course of his life, yet He did make choice of a place which was large, furnished and prepared, to celebrate his Last Supper in. And since the Divine Being never told us it was his delight to live beggarly, most certainly it should not be our delight to serve Him so. Therefore Elizabeth Lovejoy of the City of Canterbury (relict of George Lovejoy, clerk, lately deceased), being moved with a zealous affection towards God's House, and thinking it very inconvenient that Christians enjoying Peace and Plenty, should dwell in cieled and adorned Houses, and let the Holy Place where their God and Savior is publickly worshipped to lie waste or disorderly, did of Her own free will and at Her own proper cost and charges, add more Grace and Beuty to the Chancel in this Church of St. Peter in the Isle of Thanet,—By causing the Roof thereof to be cieled and painted, a new pavement to be made therein, the King's Arms to be fixed over the Chancel door in a large gilded Shield fronting to the Body of the Church, and a piece of carved work along the top of the Screen that parts the Body of the Church from the Chancel. And another large gilded Shield having her late Husband's and her Coat of Arms to be placed at the inside of the said Screen, fronting to the East end of the Chancel. Also by sufficiently and decently adorning it with wainscott, an Altar piece and Painting, and by bestowing other things necessary for the place of Divine Worship, *viz.*, a new Cominunion Table, separated from the lower part of the Chancel with a Rail made with wreath'd Banisters. Also one purple Cloth having a deep purple silk twisted Fringe on it, to lie on the Table for constant use; and one other large fine purple Cloth having a deep gold twisted Fringe on it, with one white Damask Cloth and Napkin to cover the Table, and to be used on Sundays and when the Sacrament of our Saviour's most blessed Body and Blood is to be administered, and two Damask Napkins to cleanse the Plate. Also one Common Prayer Book bound in red Turkey lether, for the use of the Priest when he officiates at the Altar. And Shee hath also given a Strong Box with two locks and two keys wherein the said Common Prayer book and Communion Table Cloths may be kept to the use of the Church in the Vestry of the Church Wardens when not to be used. Also as ornaments and utensils Shee hath bestowed five Forms covered with purple Cloth, to be used at the Communion and a Platform covered with Portugal Mat to lie constantly under the Communion Table. And hath also had erected Four new Pews in the said Chancel. All which things the said Elizabeth Lovejoy

desires may be kept and preserved neat and clean to the uses aforesaid. For which purposes Shee provided and gave a Whisk Brush, and Comb. To God alone be Glory.

All the formentioned things were given and finished on the thirteenth day of December, Anno Domini 1687." Witness:— Nicholas White, vicar.

John Carter, his mark, Robert Wethorden, Churchwardens, Thomas Johnson, Thomas Lyngall, Thomas Best, R. Crooke.

August the 12th day Anno. Dom. 1697.

" Memorandum, that the day and year above said, Leonard Diggs, Esquire, executor of the last Will and Testament of Elizabeth Lovejoy, widow, deceased, came to this Parish together with Henry Waddell, Esquire, Mayor of the City of Canterbury, Herbert Randolph, esquire, Recorder of the same City, Thomas Knowles, Nicholas Nicholson John Garlin, William Gilbert, Squire [Beverton ?].....Gibbs, Francis Jeffrey, John Denn, Mattinas Gray, chamberlain, and John Bruhouson, gentleman Alderman of the said City, and at the same time the said Leonard Diggs gave up the possession of the Parsonage lease of Callis Grange in this Parish to the said Mayor, Recorder, Alderman, and Chamberlain, on the behalf of the Mayor and Commonalty of the said City of Canterbury, according to the Will of the said Elizabeth Lovejoy, and on the several Trusts and for the Charitable uses in the said Will mentioned.

Nicholas Whyte, vicar of the abovesaid Parish, Churchwardens. Charles Whyte, Schoolmaster, Jeffery Tomlin, Paul Kursley, Thomas Philpott.

In No. 3 Register (1727–1777) is the following memorandum:

" Be it remembered that the Parish Church of St. Peter in Thanet was restored from that mean and sordid state, in which alas, too many edifices dedicated to the Worship of the Almighty still lie, to perfect neatness and beauty. The Parishioners zealous for the honour of God and willing to give an example of true Christian piety to their Neighbours, consented to an Assessment of six-pence in the Pound rent for carrying on those laudable designs. At which easy rate from the year 1745 to 1757 the following alterations were completed, and necessaries and ornaments were provided.

The Bells were cast from five to six. The whole Church new pewed. A new Reading-Desk and Pulpit furnished with a crimson Damask silk Cushion and Curtain with gold lace and gold Tassils and proper Sconces. The Church cieled and paved. The gallery removed several pairs backward. An unsightly Arch which separated the Chancel from the Body of the Church taken down. All new doors and several new windows. A commodious Vestry made. New sentences painted on boards.

A fine new Bible and an handsome new Surplice, with many other matters of less moment all tending to the same good design.

The principal alterations were carried on under the inspection of Mr. Thomas Gray, Builder, who remained four years churchwarden for that purpose. His Honesty and Assiduity in the execution of them have deservedly entitled him to the thanks of the present Age, and will doubtless transmit his Name with Honour to Posterity.

C. Wilks, Vicar, Nov. 30th, 1758.

17th March 1759. At a meeting of the Ministers, Churchwardens and other principal inhabitants of this Parish, all the writings in the Church Chest were carefully examined. Such of them only as by the length of time and their own nature were become *absolutely useless* were destroyed, and every paper which *was* or hereafter possibly might *be* of the least use or service was preserved. This Memorial is inserted to the intent that no false or malicious reports may be ever able to impose upon Posterity in this matter. Cornelius Wilks, Vicar. Elijah Mocket, Vincent Underdoun, Churchwardens.

The Registers are all in good condition, and are kept in the Church.

B. 1. *Churchwardens' Accounts* :—9 Vols.,

1. 1752 (Sept. 17). — 1783 (24 June)
2. 1763 (Sept. 3) — 1890 (Oct. 3)
3. 1783 (Oct. 8) — 1813 (Oct. 9).
4. 1823 (April 2) — 1824
5. 1847 (July 15) — 1891 (March)
6. 1891 (April) — 1901 (April)
7. 1902 (June 28) — 1906 (April 2)
8. 1905 (Oct. 8) — 1909 (April 11)
9. 1909 (April 18) — 1913

2. *Overseers' Accounts* :—10 Vols.,

1. 1711 (April 26) — 1740 (April 25)
2. 1740 (May 26) — 1752 (April 21)
3. 1752 (April 21) — 1763 (April 21)
4. Account Book 1769.
5. 1763 (Oct. 18) — 1777 (May 1)
6. 1777 (May 1) — 1789 (Nov. 6)
7. 1789 (Nov. 6) — 1797 (May 25)
8. 1797 (May 25) — 1802 (May 7)
9. 1802 (May 7) — 1813 (May 20)
10. 1813 (May 20) — 1822 (July 10)

6. *Vestry Minute Books*, 4 Vols.,

- 1733 (June 12) — 1806 (Sept. 16)
- 1807 (March 30) — 1835 (Dec. 30)
- 1836 (Jan. 26) — 1864 (Feb. 9)
- 1864 (Mar. 24) — 1912 (April 11)

7. *Inventory of Church Goods*, Four, dated respectively, 1711; 1758-9; 1845 (Feb. 4); 1886 (June 12).

8. *Terrier of Church Lands*, Three (1) 26 April 1759; (2) 14 July 1896; and three copies of Inventories dated, 1615, 1630, 1637.

9. *Maps*. Tithe Map in the custody of the Vicar and Wardens.

10. *Deeds*, Several (No particulars given).

11. *Faculties*. Three (1) For Vault in the church 1899; (2) new Vestries, 1903; (3) for Memorial Tablet, 1904.

The records of the Parochial Charities have been transferred to the Thanet Parochial Charities, under the scheme of the Charity Commissioners, 1891.

Class B kept in Safes in the Vestry of the Church.

SALTWOOD, St. Peter and St. Paul.

A.	1. Mixed	1560-1658	5. Bapts.	1813-1899
	2. „	1657-1804	6. Mars.	1813-1837
	3. Bapts. & Burs.	1804-1812	7. Burs.	1813-
	4. Mars.	1754-1813	8. Mars.	1837-
			9. Bapts.	1899-

Gaps: Only one entry of Baptisms, between 1666 and 1672.

Marriage, none 1644-1660; and 1662-1675 only one entry.

Burials, none 1658-1675.

[N.B. F. Peck became Rector in 1674 in succession to T. Carter appointed in 1647 by the Parliamentary Committee.]

The Parish also possesses a small paper book about 7 in. by 8 in., containing copies of entries of Births, Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials from 1700 to 1707; from 1707 to 1781 the burials "in Woollen" only are given. At the other end 6 leaves are filled with entries of contributions made under 'Briefs' from 1707 to 1723.

The Marriage Register from the earliest date has been transcribed by Mr. R. J. Fynmore for Phillimores 'Parish Register Series.'

The Registers, which are all in good condition are kept in the Church.

Transcripts in the Diocesan Registry begin 1564.

B.	1. <i>Churchwardens' Accounts</i> . From 1728 (no particulars supplied).
	2. <i>Overseers' Accounts</i> , Several Books from 1684.
	5. <i>Brief Books</i> , see above.
	6. <i>Vestry Minute Books</i> , from 1835.
	8. <i>Terriers of Church Lands</i> . Complete terrier for Tithe.
	9. <i>Maps</i> , etc. Tithe Map in the custody of the Rector. Map of Glebe and Glebe dwelling house (c 1820).
	13. <i>Parochial Charities</i> , these are recorded on a painted board affixed to the north wall of the nave of the Church.

Class B kept in an iron box at the Rectory House.

SANDGATE.

Modern Parish Registers begin 1854.

SANDHURST, St. Nicholas.

A.	1. Mixed	1563-1696	9. Burs.	1813-1860
	2. „	1696-1781	10. Bapts.	1837-1868
	3. Mars.	1754-1813	11. Mars.	1837-1903
	4. Bapts.	1782-1804	12. Burs.	1860-
	5. Burs.	1782-1813	13. Bapts.	1868-1908
	6. Bapts.	1805-1813	14. Mars.	1903-
	7. „	1813-1837	15. Bapts.	1908-
	8. Mars.	1813-1837	16. Burs. in <i>woolen</i>	1678-1774

The Parish also possesses the Original paper book of Burials 1563-1696.

Gaps:—Baptisms 1764-1780, marriages 1666-1696.

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1560.

No. 1 is a parchment book, the entries from 1563-1598 being transcripts made by John Little "Minister" and signed by him and Richard Tookey and David Petter, Churchwardens.

Between 1644-1660, the marriages fall short of the average, but the Baptisms and Burials are normal. All entries at this period appear to have been made by Walter Drury, Rector.

Baptisms and Burials were transcribed and indexed by W. J. Lightfoot in 1864.

The Registers are kept in the Church, and are in good condition.

B. 2. *Overseers' Accounts* :—(1) Rate Book 1615-1694; (2) Disbursements for the Poor 1640-1672.
 9. *Maps, etc.*, Tithe Map in the custody of the Rector.
 10. *Deeds, etc.*—9 Deeds relating to Sir John Fowle's Charity; the earliest is dated 1632.
Alms Book, 1 Vol. 1782-1831.

Class B kept in the Church.

SANDWICH, St. Clement.

A. 1. Mixed 1563-1666 6. Burs. 1813-1878
 2. „ 1666-1770 7. Bapts. 1813-1872
 one leaf of Baptisms missing (1675-7).
 3. „ 1752-1812 8. Mars. 1837 and duplicate
 4. Mars. 1754-1812 9. Bapts. 1872-
 5. „ 1813-1837 10. Burs. 1878-

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1564.

The Registers are in good condition and are kept in an iron safe at the Church. Christenings (1752-1812) and Marriages (1754-1804) were transcribed by Mr. Bunce, Vicar. The entries during the Commonwealth period reach the usual average: a few marriages are stated to have been performed by the Jurats. A large number of Burials are entered between June and October 1637 with a spot against the majority. And again in 1666 (Sept. and Oct.)

B. 1. Four Vols. of Wardens' accounts (a) 1668-1722, (b) 1722-1788, (c) 1788-1833, (d) 1869.
 2. One vol. of Overseers' Accounts 1663-1735, with 3 vols. of weekly books (1818-1867), 1 yearly books 1820-1836 and a number of poor assessments 1677-1825.

3. One Brief 32nd year of Charles II.
 4. One modern Vestry Minute book 1869.
 7, 8. Inventory and Terrier (1896).
 9. Tithe Map, in the custody of the Vicar.

These records are kept in a chest at the Church.

St. Peter.

A.	1. Mixed 1538-1616	6. Mars. 1813-1837
	2. „ 1617-1812	7. Bapts. 1813-1868
	3. „ 1767-1810	8. „ 1868-
	4. „ 1746-1766	9. Burs. 1813-
	(a copy from 2 and 3).	10. Mars. 1837 (and Duplicate)
	5. Mars. 1754-1812	

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1563.

The Registers are in good order and are kept in an iron safe at the Church. During the Commonwealth the entries are about up to the average, and were made by the civil Registrar, 1653-1660. For further memoranda see Appendix.

B.	1. <i>Churchwardens' Accounts</i> , Two vols. (1) 1592-1692 and (2) 1828-1849.
	2. One vol. 1730-1848.
	5. <i>Overseers' Accounts. Briefs</i> , some are entered in Register No. 2.
	6. <i>Vestry Minutes</i> , One vol. (marked A) 1601-1676. Two vols (marked B) 1608-1752 and 1758-1814. Two other vols. (a) 1814-1892 and (b) 1892-

These are kept with the Registers at the Church. See also Appendix.

St. Mary the Virgin.

A.	1. Mixed 1538-1812	5. Burs. 1813-
	2. Mars. 1754-1812	6. Bapts. 1813-1870
	3. „ 1813-1837	7. „ 1871-
	4. „ 1837 (and Duplicate)	

The transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1563.

The Registers are all in fairly good condition and are kept in an iron box at the present Incumbent's house. During the Commonwealth the entries are rather above the average, some of the marriage entries being signed by Jurats or Mayors. In No. 1 three Visitations are recorded, held respectively in 1620 and 1622. Ten marriages of parties from this parish are recorded in the Parish Registers of Elmstone, between 1720 and 1746.

B.	1. <i>Churchwardens' Accounts</i> , 2 Vols. (1) 1444-1582. <small>[For details, see Appendix.]</small> (2) 1632-1730.
	6. <i>Vestry Minutes</i> , 2 Vols. (1) 1631-1820, (2) 1822-1860, (in bad condition).

10. *Deeds*, see Appendix.
11. *Faculties*. One dated 7 Aug. 1794 for altering the fence of the Churchyard so as to give increased width to the street.
12. *Parish Charities*, some records relating to Fulnetby's Charity 1623-1625.

Records in Class B are kept in the strong room of Messrs. Harrison, Solicitors, Sandwich.

SEASALTER, St. Alphege.

A.	1. Mixed	1558-1669	8. Mars.	1913-
	2. "	1673-1763	9. Bapts.	1813-1850
	3. Bapts. & Burs.	1763-1812	10. "	1850-1885
	4. Mars.	1755-1761	11. "	1885-1911
	5. "	1762-1812	12. "	1912-
	6. "	1813-1837	13. Burs.	1813-1901
	7. "	1837-1912	14. "	1901-

Gaps: There are no Baptisms 1559-1567; no Marriages 1558-1566 and 1653-60; no Burials 1558-1566.

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1563.

Note:—From 1596 to 1868 (with the exception of the years 1653 to 1661) the parish of Seasalter was united to the parish of Whitstable, and both held by the same Vicar. In the Whitstable Registers will be found entries of the parishioners of Seasalter.

No. 1 is a parchment book, and on the first page is written:—

“ The Register Book of the Parish of Sebasalter within the Diocese of Canterbury bearing date from the begining of the Queen Majestys Reign that now is the 17th November 1558 of Christenings, Marriages and Burials. According to the Book of Canons set forth in the 27th year of her Majestys reign Anno Domini 1597. The which said Register Book is truly collected and gathered out of the Old Register Books of the abovesaid Parish and Diocese of Canterbury aforesaid, from the abovesaid year of our Lord God 1558, unto the year of our Lord God 1598, and so following.”

There are no Marriages 1653-60, but the Baptisms and Burials are of average number.

No. 2 is a paper book with parchment cover, for the years 1673-1763, in the following order:—Baptisms, 1673-1758; Marriages, 1674-1754; Baptisms, 1759-1763; Burials, 1673-1762.

The following entry was made by Thomas Patten, Vicar 1711-64:

“ The summer of the year 1725 was the most dreadful for continued Rains, Cold, and Tempests, that ever any History mentions. Not a day from May to October without Rain. The Fruits of the earth spoiled. And according to their *different Religions*, *some grumbled, some swore, and some few prayed.*” The words in italics have been crossed out.

No. 4 Register—the Marriages 1755-1761, are at the end of the Vestry Minute Book 1755-1804.

The Registers are kept at the Church—No. 2 is in "fair" condition the rest "good."

B. 1. *Churchwardens' Accounts* :—Two Vols., (1) 1615–1683, (2) 1703–1746.
 2. *Overseers' Accounts*, 1 Vol. 1652–1678.
 6. *Vestry Minute Books*, 5 Vols.
 1721–1774 1827–1837
 1775–1804 (with Marriages 1755–61). 1868–
 1805–1824
Banns Book, 4 Vols. (1) 1762–1803 (also Marriages 1762–1812), (2) 1823–1855, (3) 1855–1894, (4) 1894.

A paper book with no cover, contains the names of the Communicants at each communion, 1615–1710. At the end of this Book are the names of the Waywardens.

9. *Tithe Map*, in the custody of Messrs. Baker, and Mercer Solicitors, Canterbury.
 13. *Records of Parochial Charities*, Accounts of Mrs. Fagg's donation, etc. 1798 to 1848; also extract of the Will of Francis Fagg proved in London, 12 May 1796; and Mrs. Francis Fagg's legacy for the education of poor children of the parish of Seasalter, left in trust to the Vicar and Churchwardens, 1838; and other Books of this Charity.
Terriers of the Charity Lands, 1842.
Poors Fields, Receipt and Payment Book 1808–1844.
Miscellaneous :—A Survey of the houses, lands, and buildings in the parish of Whitstable, to equalize the Poor-Rate, 1802.
 Certificate of Redemption of Rent Charge, 1905. Altered Apportionment of Rent Charge, 1899.
 Church-Rate Book 1860, Poor Relief Rate Book, 1847, and from 1852.
 Treasurer's Book for the building of the New Church 1846, with Contract for the same.
 11. *Faculty*, 31 August 1846 for a burial-place in the Chancel of the old church, of the Hyder Family.
 With this Faculty is a ground-plan of the old church (before the Nave was pulled down) which shews that the Chancel was 21 ft. 4 in. wide, and 26 ft. 6 in. long; and the Nave 25 ft. 6 in. wide, and 49 ft. long. There was a Porch on the south side of the nave, and a Bell turret at the west end. The Bell now in the west gable of the old chancel, is one of old bells of the church, and was cast by Robert Mot in 1592.

Class B are kept partly at the Church and partly at the Vicarage house.

SELLING, St. Mary.

A. ✓ 1. Mixed 1558–1746 6. Mars. 1813–1837
 2. „ 1747–1812 7. Burs. 1813–1881 ✓
 3. Burs. 1678–1749 8. Bapts. 1850–1887 ✓
 4. Mars. 1754–1812 ✓ 9. Mars. 1838–
 5. Bapts. 1813–1849 10. Bapts. 1887–

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1563.

No. 1 is a parchment book, with Baptisms from 1558; Marriages and Burials from 1560.

Registers kept at the Church.

B. 1. *Churchwardens' Accounts*, 1845 to present time.
 6. *Vestry Minute Book*, from 1841.
 9. *Tithe Map*, in the custody of the Vicar.
 10. *Deeds*.—Trust Deed of the School and ground.
 13. *Parish Charities*.—Books of the Apsley Charity Bequest.

Class B, No. 1 kept in Fire-proof Safe at Churchwardens' house, No. 6 in the Church. Depository of the remainder not stated.

SELLINGE-NEXT-HYTHE, St. Mary.

A. 1. Mixed 1559-1730 6. Mixed 1848-1890
 2. „ 1730-1812 7. Bapts. 1890-
 3. „ 1813-1847 & Burs.
 4. Mars. 1754-1836 8. Burs. 1680-1799
 5. Mars. 1837-

Banns Books, 2 Vols.; 1824-1871 and 1871.

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1563.

Nos. 1, 2 3 and 7 are parchment books, the others paper.

Nos. 3 and 7 contain Baptisms and Burials.

No. 9 is the Register of Burials in Woollen, from 22 September 1680, to 31 March 1799.

Registers kept at the Vicarage.

B. 1. *Churchwardens' Accounts Book*, One Vol., modern.
 2. *Rate Collectors Books*, 1848 to 1850.
 3. *Highways Accounts*, 14 Volumes.
 6. *Vestry Minute Book*, 1860.
 7. *Inventory of Church Goods*, 1911.
 8. *Terrier of Church Lands*, 1858.
 9. *Tithe Map*, in the custody of the Vicar.
 10. *Deeds etc.* An Escheat of 16 Edward II.
 The Rental of the Manor of Sellynge next Monks Horton in the County of Kent (date not given).
 A conveyance dated 16 March 1857 from the Rev. J. W. Bellamy to George Furley, esquire, being the sale of land to the South Eastern Railway Company, and purchase of other land with the money paid.
 13. *Parish Charities*. The records of the Charities are in the custody of the chairman of the Parish Council.

SEVINGTON, St. Mary.

A. 1. Mixed 1554-1743 4. Mars. 1813-1832
 2. „ 1748-1812 5. Burs. 1813-
 3. Bapts. 1813- 6. Mars. 1838-

Gaps: No Baptisms 1704-1747, no Marriages 1810-1814, no Burials 1717-21, and 1781-1812.

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1563.

Nos. 1 and 2 are parchment books, no. 2 contains an account of the Perambulation of the parish, etc. No. 4 contains leaves from two old marriage Register, also part of an old mixed Register.

The Registers up to about 1695 were transcribed by Edward Boys, rector; also Marriages 1700 to 1748, by E. Norwood.

Registers kept at the Rectory, No. 1 is in urgent need of repair, several other volumes require attention.

B.

- 1. *Churchwardens' Accounts*: part of a 17th Century Book.
- 6. *Vestry Minute Book*: 1857-99.
- 9. *Tithe Map*, and two Plans, in the custody of the Rector.
- 10. *Deeds*: Mortgage to Queen Anne's Bounty. Certificate of Redemption of a Rent Charge. Certificate of Redemption of Extraordinary Tithe, 1886. Records of Parish Charities. (No particulars given).

Class B kept at the Rectory.

SHADOXHURST, St. Peter and St. Paul.

A.

1. Mixed	1538-1718	5. Mars.	1813-1838
2. ,,	1718-1809	6. Bapts.	1813-
3. Mars.	1754-1812	7. Mars.	1838-
4. Burs.	1813-		

Gaps: No Burials from 1565 to 1670.

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1562.

No. 1 is a parchment book the entries from 1538 to 1598 being transcripts from an earlier register.

Registers kept at the Rectory.

B.

- 2. *Overseers' Accounts*, 1861-1912.
- 6. *Vestry Minute Book*, from 1855.
- 7. *Inventory of Church Goods*, One, (no date given).
- 8. *Terrier of Church Lands*, One, (no date given).
- 9. *Tithe Map*, and Map of the glebe, in the custody of the Rector.
- 13. *Records of Parish Charities*, Robert Farley's, 1590; and Michael Poonett's 1604.

Class B kept at the Rectory.

SHEERNESS-ON-SEA, Holy Trinity.

A.	1. Bapts. 1836-1848	8. Bapts. 1891-1904
	2. .. 1848-1855	9. .. 1904-
	3. .. 1855-1863	10. Mars. 1851-1869
	4. .. 1863-1868	11. .. 1869-1900
	5. .. 1868-1874	12. .. 1900-1912
	6. .. 1874-1882	13. .. 1912-
	7. .. 1882-1891	14. Burs. 1836-1856*

*A few people were buried at various later periods, the last entry being 1894.

The Registers are kept in the Church.

B.

- 6. *Vestry Minute Book*, from 1873.
- 11. *Faculties*. One for conveying a portion of Churchyard to Urban District Council 1912.

Class B kept at the Church in a Fire-proof Safe.

SHELDWICH, St. James.

A. ✓	1. Mixed 1558-1762	6. Burs. 1813-1895
	2. Mars. 1755-1812	7. Mars. 1837- 1913
	3. Mixed 1762-1812	8. Bapts. 1856-1903
	4. Mars. 1813-1837	9. Burs. 1895-
	5. Bapts. 1813-1856	10. Bapts. 1903-

Gaps: No Marriage entries from 1725 to 1734.

The vicar John Willis (1715-57) also held Throwley, where he lived and was buried. So the Throwley Registers should be examined for that period.

Transcripts in the Diocesan Registry begin 1563.

No. 1 is a parchment book, containing Baptisms and Burials 1560-1762, and Marriages 1558-1754. At the beginning of the Register is written—" The names of all such p'sons as we finde to have bin buried within ye Parish of Sheldwich since the beginning of her Maiestie Raigne untill this present yeere of or Lord God, 1598."

The appointment of the Civil " Register " in 1653 is noted as follows:—" Abraham Bromeadge, Vicar of Sheldwich was by virtue of an Acte of Parliament dated the 24th day of August 1653, entitled An Act touchinge Marriages and the Registeringe thereof and also touchinge Byrths and Buryalls, (beinge first presented unto mee by the parishioners of the same), approved and sworne Register for the sayde Parishe, by mee one of the Justices of the Peace for the sayde County, the tenth day of March 1653 [i.e. 1654]. Michaell Belke.*

*His signature is also in the Iwade Register to a similar appointment at Iwade.

From May 26th, 1695 to January 1706, the date of birth as well as of Baptism is given. This was done in accordance with an Act of Parliament (1694) for granting to his Majesty certain rates upon marriages, births and burials, and upon bachelors and widowers for the term of five years for carrying on the war against France with vigour.

The usual average of marriages was two or three a year, but during the ten years 1648 to 1657 there were 126 marriages. In the six years 1648 to 1653 there were 27. Commencing the 23rd February 1654 are "The names of those who were married in the parishe of Sheldwich by maior Michaell Belke, Justice of ye Peace, living in the said Parishe."

1654	Marriages	24	(The names of two couples appear again as if married in church the same day).
1655	Marriages	26	(Three couples appear again and one that does not appear in Belke's list).
1656	Marriages	33	(One appears again, and three not in Belke's list).
1657	Marriages	16	
1658	Marriages	3	
1659	Marriages	1	

Total 103 by Michael Belke.

In the years 1660 to 1664, and in 1666 there are no entries of marriages; but in 1665 there were three, and in 1667 one.

Among the Burial entries is that of Abraham Bromydge, vicar, buried ye 18th of March 1659 (*i.e.* 1660). His successor added this note:—"He was vicar 35 years of Sheldwich only, but I hope his and my successors will have better luck."

Other notes are:—"Sept. ye 29th 1696. Then Mr. Hollingworth left Sheldwich and Throwley for Stone in ye Isle of Oxney." to which some one else added "where I wish he may behave himself better than he did at Sheldwitch."

"John Willis.....admitted Vicar of Sheldwich, Jan. 17..... Throwleigh.....day of August next ensuing, to both by the favour the Right Hon. Edward, Lord Sondes, whom God long preserve to be a defender and ye father of many defenders and patrons of Religion and Libertie. Jo. Willis."

N.B. This first Register transcribed by the Rev. B. S. Malden, when vicar of Sheldwich

Registers kept at the Church.

- B. 6. *Vestry Minute Book*, One, (no particulars given).
- 7. *Inventories of church goods*, Two dated, respectively, 1813, and 1872.
- 9. *Tithe Map* in the Vicar's custody.
Plan of the Church before, and after, the alterations of 1888; is in the Vestry.
- Church School Treasurers' Book 1814. (This school still continues).

Class B kept in a Safe in the Church.

SHOULDEN, St. Nicholas.

A.	1. Mixed 1591-	5. Bapts.
	2. ,	6. Bapts.
	3. Mars. } No dates supplied.	7. Burs.
	4. ,	8. "

Transcripts in Diocesan Register begin 1563.

The Registers are kept in an iron Safe at the Vicarage.

B. 1. *Churchwardens' Accounts*, 1768-1893.
2. *Vestry Minutes* (1) 1818-1831 (2) 1831-1880 (3) 1880.
3. *Terrier* (Modern).
4. *Tithe Map*, in the custody of the Vicar.

The Tithe Award and Apportionments are in the custody of the Parish Council.

SIBERTSWOLD, St. Andrew,

A.	1. Mixed	1563-1733	6. Mars.	1813-1837
	2. ,,	1732-1785	7. Bapts.	1893-
	3. Bapts.	1786-1812	8. Mars.	1837-
	4. ,,	1813-1893	9. Bapts.	1909-
	5. Burs.	1813-		

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1564.

Gaps: The Book ordered under Lord Hardwick's Act 1753 seems to be missing. There are no marriages entered between 1772-1813.

Register No. 1 is a parchment book. Towards the end of the 17th century in the Baptismal register the hour of birth is sometimes given.

In No. 3 is the following note near the end of the book—"The Registers of Baptisms from the 7th day of April 1771 having been entered in a paper book made for keeping accounts, and such as was not proper for the purpose of parish Register. I judged it to be right to transcribe them into this book. The original will be preserved with the other old books, Allen Fielding, Vicar 1786." [The original book appears, however, to be no longer extant.]

The Registers are kept at the Vicarage.

B. 1. *Churchwardens' Accounts*, 1 vol. 1839-1867.
5. *Brief Books*, one vol. 1731-1866.
6. *Vestry Minute Books*, 2 vols. (1) 1807-1837, (2) 1832.
8. *Terriers, etc.*, Copies of two, dated respectively 1615, 1630.
9. *Maps, etc.*, Plan of Churchyard extension 1903, Tithe Map
in the custody of the Vicar.
10. *Deeds, etc.*, Extraordinary T.R.C. redemption 1888.
11. *Faculties*.—Roof, Organ and Pulpit 1894, Memorial window
(Mrs. Faulkner) 1900.
12. *Acts of Consecration*, Notice of Consecration of land added to
Churchyard 24 May 1902.

The above are kept some in the Vicar's and some in the Churchwardens' Safe.

The following books are in the custody of the Churchwardens :
Vicar's Books 7 vols. 1753-1844, Tithe Books, 2 vols. 1788-1799 and 1841-1854. Preachers' Book 1893.

SISSINGHURST, Holy Trinity.

Parish Registers begin 1843.

SITTINGBOURNE, St. Michael.

A.	1. Mixed 1561-1715	10. Bapts. 1843-1867
	2. " 1674-1749	11. Mars. 1837-1865
	3. " 1750-1775	12. Burs. 1852-
	4. " 1775-1812	13. Bapts. 1867-1893
	5. Mars. 1754-1799	14. Mars. 1865-1886
	6. " 1799-1812	15. " 1886-1902
	7. Bapts. 1813-1843	16. Bapts. 1893-
	8. Burs. 1813-1851	17. Mars. 1902-
	9. Mars. 1813-1837	

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin in 1564.

No. 1 is a parchment book, and contains Marriages, 1562 to 1715 ; Baptisms 1561 to 1715 ; and Burials 1561 to 1674.

No. 2 is a paper book of Burials 1674 to 1715 ; then Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials 1716 to 1749.

No. 4 a paper book of Baptisms and Burials 1775 to 1812.

No. 7 has on the inside of the front cover, notes on the population of the parish in 1801, 1821, 1831, 1841, 1851, 1861, and 1871 ; a note alluding to the great increase in the brickmaking industry between 1821 and 1831 ; the gifts of a silver chalice and paten, a silver cup, two silver alms-plates (see *Archæologia Cantiana* Vol. xxvi. p. 209) ; a new organ ; the laying on of gas in 1847.

No. 8 inside the front cover is recorded the gift of a new communion table. And on the inside of the back cover, the induction of six vicars, from 1817.

No. 9 contains particulars of two Charities :—viz. Katherine Dick's and John Huggens's. Also the gift of a new East window, and stone reredos.

The Registers are kept in the Church, all are in good condition, except No. 6 which is described as " fair."

B. 1. *Churchwardens' Accounts* :—(1) Records of the Church Rate 1786 to 1812 ; (2) Poor Relief Administration from October 1811 to November 1826 ; (3) Church Rate from April 1825 to September 1836 ; (4) A Volume in three

divisions—(a) Churchwardens' Accounts from October 1836 to March 1842; (b) Church Rate from September 1836 to May 1842; (c) Churchwardens' Accounts from May 1843 to Easter 1847. (5) Churchwardens' Accounts from Easter 1847 to Easter 1877.

6. *Vestry Minute Books* :—(1) 1723 to 1798; (2) 1798 to 1834; (3) 1834 to 1858. There are notes in this Volume concerning Katherine Dick's Charity, and the Clerk's house.

Also a small volume, begun in 1865, containing a Terrier of lands. The first two pages appear to have been torn out, and on the last two pages is a brief account of the first meeting to discuss the preliminary steps for building Holy Trinity church.

Miscellaneous : 1 Vol. containing an account of the building of the St. Michael's Butts National Schools in 1812, and the maintenance thereof until 1846.

1 Vol. of the Minutes of a Committee for rebuilding and repairing the parish church which had been "largely destroyed by fire in the roof, caused by careless workmen, between the hours of 12 and 1 p.m. on 17th July, 1762." The book covers a period from 17 July 1762 to the 27 October 1767." The Committee appear to have held their meetings at seven different Inns in rotation.

Other papers :—

Extracts from the Baptismal Register 1870.

Papers relating to Holy Trinity Church.

Certified description of the boundaries of the parish, 1840.

Papers concerning the church, 1762-64.

Plans and Faculties for church restoration in 1826, 1861, and 1873.

Conveyance of Fulston Chancel, and Chilton Chancel.

Plans of the Vicarage.

Trust Deeds of Church Day Schools.

9. *Tithe Map*; in the custody of the Vicar's Agents, Messrs. Harris and Harris, Solicitors, Sittingbourne. Tithe Rent Charge papers and apportionments, 1860 to 1911.
Scale of Fees in the Cemetery, sanctioned by Vestry.

13. *Parish Charities* :—Accounts of Huggens, and Smeeds Charities. A Mortgage dated 1836.

Class B kept in a Fire-proof Safe in the Church.

Holy Trinity.

Modern Parish (no return received).

SMALL HYTHE, St. John the Baptist.

The present Registers begin 1866, for earlier records see under Tenterden.

SMEETH, St. Mary.

A.	1. Mixed	1660-1711	7. Bapts.	1813-1868
	2. ,	1678-1763	8. Mars.	1813-1837
	3. ,	1711-1807	9. Burs.	1813-
	4. Burs.	1807-1812	10. Bapts.	1868-
	5. Mars.	1754-1782	11. Mars.	1837-
	6. ,	1782-1812		

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1559.

Registers kept at the Rectory.

B.	1. <i>Churchwardens' Accounts</i> : 1725-1757.
	6. <i>Vestry Minute Book</i> : 1801 to the present day.
	7. <i>Inventory of Church goods</i> : 1898.
	9. <i>Tithe Map</i> in the custody of the Rector.
	10. <i>Deeds</i> : Grant for site of a School.
	13. <i>Parochial Charities</i> , Copy of the Will of William Fordred 11 July 1550.

SNARGATE, St. Dunstan.

A.	1. Mixed	1552-1764	5. Bapts.	1813-
	2. Bapts.	1764-1812	6. Mars.	1813-
	3. Burs.	1764-1812	7. Burs.	1813-
	4. Mars.	1764-1812		

Transcripts in the Diocesan Registry begin 1563.

No. 1 is a parchment book. A note dated 1860 states that in that year "The old Register Book was carefully examd by Wm. J. Lightfoot member of the Archæological Society of Kent."

Registers kept in the Church.

[The signature of R. H. Barham, rector, 1817-21, the author of the "Ingoldsby Legends," is to be found in the later Registers.]

B.	1. <i>Churchwardens' Accounts</i> , 1 vol. 1704-1758.
	2. <i>Overseers' Accounts</i> , 1 vol. 1731-1765.
	6. <i>Vestry Minute Books</i> , 1840 to the present time.
	7. <i>Inventory of Church Goods</i> , one 1896.
	8. <i>Terrier of Church Lands</i> , one, 1896.
	9. <i>Tithe Map</i> in the custody of the Rector.

Class B kept in iron Safe at the Church.

SNAVE, St. Augustine.

A.	1. Mixed	1619-1813*	4. Mars.	1837-
	2. Bapts.	1813-	5. Burs.	1813-
	3. Mars.	1813-1837		

* No earlier volume is mentioned in the Parliamentary return of 1833.

Transcripts in the Diocesan Registry begin 1563.

On the fly-leaf of No. 1 is written :—“ This Booke of Register was taken out of the old Register of the Parish, 1686.”

Registers kept at the Church.

B. 1. *Churchwardens' Accounts* : One vol., 1685–1781. Assessment on Landowners : 1783–1790.
 7. *Inventory of Church Goods*, one 1896.
 8. *Terrier of Church Lands* : one, 1896.
 9. *Tithe Map* : in the custody of the Rector.

Class B are kept in a “ Tin Case ” at the Rectory House.

STALISFIELD, St. Mary.

A. 1. Mixed 1699–1812* 4. Mars. 1813–1836
 2. Bapts. 1813–1894 5. „ 1837–
 3. „ 1894– 6. Burs. 1813–

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1563.

*[In 1562 a Presentment was made at the Visitation of the Archdeacon :—The vicar keepeth not the Register Book, by reason he is not resident :—Vol. 1562–3 in the Cathedral Library].

Registers kept at the Vicarage.

B. 6. *Vestry Minute Book*, 1872 to present time.
 11. *Faculties* : Three (1) Restoration of chancel screen 1900 ;
 (2) Organ chamber 1903 ; (3) memorial east window 1911.

STANFORD, All Saints.

A. 1. Mixed 1556–1743 4. Burs. 1813–
 2. „ 1743–1812 5. Mars. 1845–
 3. Bapts. 1813–

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1569.

No. 1 is a parchment book, containing Baptisms from 1562. Marriages from 1576, and Burials from 1556.

Registers kept in the Church.

B. 1. *Churchwardens' Accounts* : 3 vols. (a) 1729–1810, (b) 1810–1889, (c) 1889 to the present time.
 6. *Vestry Minute Book* : one.
 7. *Inventory of Church goods*, one.—(no date given).
 8. *Terrier of Church lands* : one.—(no date given).
 9. *Tithe Map* : in the custody of the Rector.

Class B kept at the Rectory.

STAPLE, St. James.

A.	1. Mixed	1544-1690	6. Bapts.	1813-1866
	2. "	1690-1809	7. Burs.	1813-1896
	3. "	1810-1812	8. Mars.	1837-
	4. Mars.	1754-1812	9. Bapts.	1866-
	5. "	1813-1837	10. Burs.	1896-

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1564.

No. 1 is a parchment book the entries from 1544 to 1598 or thereabouts are transcripts from an earlier register. The Copyist has noted that he could find no records of Baptisms 1554-58, no marriages in 1554, 5, and 6, and no Burials in 1555.

There is a blank space left for the earlier part of 1650, and in the margin the following note: "That by an order of the Sessions made Jan. S. Simon Barrow is made Registrar of Ash, Staple, Preston, Elmston, Stourmouth. So that the Register is Publick now only I keep it for my private use and satisfaction.

Thomas Wood, Minister of Staple, 1655.

Near the end of the volume are some entries relating to money collected under Briefs, e.g. "Collected in the parish of Staple for and towards the relief of the poor of Wappen, having suffered by a lamentable fire July 3 1658 the sum of nineteen shillings and sevenpence and registered according to order."

In No. 2 a note states that in 1795 £43 18s. 5d. was spent in repairs to the Chancel of the Church.

In No. 4 a note states that in 1811 the population of the parish was 380.

Registers kept at the Rectory, but no iron box or safe has been provided.

B. No return made except the statement that some records are in a box in the Church.

STAPLEHURST, All Saints.

A.	1. Mixed	1538-1596	5. Mars.	1754-1809
	2. "	1558-1654	6. Bapts.	1793-1812
	3. "	1653-1695	& Burs.	1793-1812
	4. Mixed	1695-1792	7. Mars.	1809-1812

No returns of later Registers.

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1560.

The earlier Registers have been transcribed and printed by the Rev. J. S. F. Chamberlain, M.A., rector of Staplehurst 1893-1913;

No. 1 is a paper book 13 in. by 9 in., originally composed of fifteen sheaves of paper each of five sheets, and folded in the middle, and all securely bound together by string into three blocks of leather at the back, and with a cover of parchment. Of the original 114 leaves remain, and into the end twenty leaves of smaller size have been sewn.

The entries are continuous from 26 September 1538 to 30 October 1596 the last leaf but one of the original book, and the first page of the last leaf begins with 3 April 1622, the next page being written reversely, containing a list of preachers from the Feast of St. Michael 1577 to 21 September 1579. The entries are continued from the previous page on the additional leaves to 21 September 1579.

This Register has been well repaired by experts employed by the officers of the Library of the British Museum.

No. 2 is a parchment book 12 in. by 7½ in. of 84 leaves, with parchment cover fastened by a leather strap. It is a copy of No. 1 from 22 November 1558, also containing entries from 25 Novem. 1695 to 24 March 1621-2, which are not in No. 1; and finishing with irregular entries from 1643 to 1654.

On the first page is written:—" This Register beginneth wt. the first yeere of the reigne of or. soveraigne Ladie and Queene Elizabeth Ao. dni 1558 written by Robert Newman parson of Staplehurst " [1591-1612].

On page 166 under date of 24 Feb. 1572-3 certain persons named, had license during this Lent, for their sickness to eat and feed upon such flesh as they best like, for the recovering of their health. Also in Feb. 1582-3 a similar license given to eat flesh this Lent by the space of eight days, and if they shall not be recovered by the same, then during the whole time of Lent. And in 1595.

No. 3 is a parchment book, with cover of the same, of Baptisms (or Births) Marriages and Burials.

No. 4 is a parchment book bound in leather 17 in. by 7½ in. of 68 leaves, of Baptisms and Burials 1695 to 1792 and Marriages 1695 to 1754.

No. 5 is a paper book bound in leather, 14½ in. by 9½ in., containing printed forms of Banns, and the Marriages 1754 to 1809.

Registers kept at the Rectory.

B. Overseers' Accounts. Vestry Minutes. Inventory. (No dates or particulars given).

Tithe Map, (and, probably other records) in the custody of the Parish Council.

STELLING, St. Mary.

A.	1. Mixed 1557-1676	5. Burs. 1813-
	2. „ 1676-1794	6. Mars. 1754-1812
	3. „ 1795-1812	7. „ 1812-
	4. Bapts. 1813-	

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin in 1563.

Registers kept at the Rectory, Upper Hardres.

B. 1. *Churchwardens' Accounts*, 1840 to present time.
 2. *Overseers' Accounts*, 1811-33.
 6. *Vestry Minute Book* from 1908.
 7. *Tithe Map*, kept by Mr. T. A. Bowen, 19 Watling St., Canterbury.

Class B kept at Upper Hardres Rectory.

STOCKBURY, St. Mary Magdalene.

A.	1. Mixed	1653-1660	8. Mars.	1754-1812
	2. "	1675-1749	9. "	1812-1836
	3. Bapts.	1749-1812	10. "	1836-
	4. "	1812-1852	11. Burs.	1749-1812
	5. "	1852-1897	12. "	1812-1879
	6. "	1897-	13. "	1879-
	7. Mars.	1749-1754		

Gaps: No entries 1660 to 1675.

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin in 1563.

In No. 5 the Rev. David Twopenny, Vicar (1831-70), has written a very elaborate account of the state of the church before 1836 (in which year a fire took place), and of the alterations which were made when the church was restored. This account is printed in *Archæologia Cantiana*, Vol. xxv. p. 244-50.

The Registers are kept in the Church. They are described as in "good" or "fair" condition.

B. 1, 2, 3. *Churchwardens, Overseers, and Waywardens' Accounts*, are all in one Volume, from 1703 to 1802. After 1802 separate Books were kept:—Overseers to 1813; Waywardens' to 1829; and Churchwardens' Accounts to the present day.
 6. *Vestry Minute Book*, 1 Vol.
 7. *Inventory of Church Goods*, 1867.
 9. *Tithe Map*, in the custody of the Vicar and Churchwardens.
 13. *Parish Charities*: Records of the Free School Charity, etc.

Class B are kept at the Church in a fire-proof Safe, except Nos. 6 and 9 which are kept at the Vicarage.

STODMARSH, St. Mary.

A.	1. Mixed	1558-1719	5. Mars.	1814-1836
	2. "	1719-1769	6. "	1839-
	3. "	1773-1811	7. Burs.	1813-
	4. Mars.	1755-1811	8. Bapts.	1813-

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1563.

Register 1 is a parchment book, it has suffered from damp and requires rebinding.

Register 2 is inscribed "A Register of Burials, Christenings, and Marriages in the Parish of Stodmarsh," but no *Marriages* are entered in this Book.

In Register 8 the following entry spaces are left blank:—151, 157, 158, 159, 160, 164, 166, 167, 168, 173–6, 182–184.

The Registers contain many entries relating to the families of Master, Courthope, and Hugesson. For extracts see Appendix.

Registers kept in the Church.

B. 1. *Churchwardens' Accounts*: 1 Vol. 1791–1894.
6. *Vestry Minute Books*: one 1864 onwards.
7. *Inventory of Church Goods*: one dated 1824.

Class B kept with the Registers in the Church.

STONE NEAR FAVERSHAM.

The Church has long since been destroyed. Entries referring to the parishioners will be found in the Registers of Luddenham, to which the parish is united.

STONE IN OXNEY, St. Mary.

A. 1. Mixed 1573–1604 7. Burs. 1764–1814
2. " 1604–1805 8. " 1813–1912
3. Burs. 1679–1764 9. Bapts. 1806–1812
4. Mars. 1755–1812 10. " 1869–
5. " 1813–1837 11. Mars. 1838–
6. Bapts. 1813–1869

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1563.

No. 1 appears to be the original paper book.

The Registers contain some lists of Vicars and Curates. Also of Vagrants taken, whipped and sent away, 1619–36.

No. 7 is the Register for burying in woollen, April 1764 to 24 July 1814.

The Registers are kept at the Church, and are in good condition except No. 1 which requires repair and binding.

B. 1 & 2. *Churchwardens and Overseers' Accounts*:—18 vols.
1632–1678 1779–1810 1829–1837
1660–1689 1795–1829 1840–
1691–1718 1810–1824 1841–
1697–1738 1823–1829 1836–1839
1732–1786 1829–1836 1843–1847
1789–1842 1837–1839 1847–1848
6. *Vestry Minute Books*: 1842 to present day (1913).
9. *Tithe Map*: in the custody of the Vicar.

Class B kept in the Church.

STOURMOUTH, All Saints.

A.	1. Mixed 1538-1812	4. Bapts. 1813-
	2. Mars. 1754-1812	5. Mars. 1839-
	3. .. 1814-1836	6. Burs. 1813-

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1564.

Gaps: No marriages 1639-1659, no Burials 1654-1661.

No. 1 is a parchment book but within the cover is a single leaf of the original paper book bearing the following inscription: "This Booke was bought the xxxth day of September 1538, and is for the Church boke for the parish of Sowermouth, it cost viiis. per me Peter Forde then Churchwarden."

On one of the parchment leaves are the names of those parishioners who signed the Solemn League and Covenant. The first names are: Peter Saxton, William Joade, Thos. Huffam, Thos. Hogben, Henry Hatcher. Altogether 37 signed—24 by mark.

Inserted loose in this Register is a receipt from Joseph Hatch to the Churchwardens for £11 for "Shooting of three bells and for three brasses to hang them in, I. H. Joseph Hatch his mark."

On a blank page is a copy of an award made at a court of Sessions held in the Archbishop's palace at Canterbury 11th August, 1626, by "the Commissioners touching Charitable uses," whereby Solomon Huffam was ordered to pay to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the parish a yearly annuity of 40s. out of his lands next to the "Old Stower," in accordance with the provisions contained in the Will of Stephen Joad—proved 1587.

Also: "The Lawefull Tyme of Weddinge by the Canons" and a sesse for the Clerk's Wages, 1603.

Registers kept in the Church.

B.

- 1. *Churchwardens' Accounts, 1680-1723.*
Overseers' Accounts, 6 vols.: (1) 1724-1756, (2) 1756-1784,
(3) 1784-1814, (4) 1803-1854, (5) 1814-1850, (6) 1836-1847.
1 Guardians' Book 1823-1835.
- 3. *Waywardens' Accounts: one vol. 1769-1817.*
- 6. *Vestry Minutes: One Vol. from 1842.*
- 9. *Maps etc.: Tithe Map in the custody of the Rector. Plan of Churchyard, N.D. Plan of School and Playground N.D.*
- 10. *Deeds, etc. Copy of the Will of Christopher Stredwick 1688.*
Indenture of lease of a cottage in Stodmarsh, Michael Harrison to Will. Musared 1694.

Abstract of title Rev. Rd. Harvey and John Elgar to a rent charge on lands at Stourmouth 1737; also other deeds relating to the same rentcharge dated 1782, 1787, 1789. Deed of Conveyance of site for School 1870. Various indentures of Apprenticeship. Papers relating to proposed addition to Churchyard 1900.

Class B kept in a Tin Box at the Church.

STOWTING, St. Mary.

A.	1. Mixed 1539-1812	4. Mars. 1813-1837
	2. Bapts. 1813-	5. Burs. 1813-
	3. Mars. 1755-1812	6. Mars. 1837-

Gaps: No Burials from 1642 to 1651.

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1558.

No. 1 is a parchment book 15*1/2* in. by 6 in., newly bound in 1886.

On page 3 are the following entries:—Gathered Dec. 1661 for ye Royal herringe fishinge 6s. 6d. : For John Krayns Kraniski 3s. 3d.

Then follows a list of rectors of the parish from 1541 to 1870, and of the curates from 1730 to 1833. On page 5 is the title as follows:—“ The Register booke of the parish of Stowting, wherein are conteyned the names of all suche as have been christned married and buried in the said parish since the yeare of our Lord God one thousand five hundred thirty eight: 1538.”

The Marriages in this Register from 1755 to 1812 are transcribed from No. 3.

Registers kept at the Rectory.

B.	1. <i>Churchwardens' Accounts</i> , 1766-1863.
	6. <i>Vestry Minute Books</i> , 2 vols. (a) 1822-47; (b) 1849 to the present time; and also contains Overseers' Accounts from 1835 to 1847.
	7. <i>Inventories of Church goods</i> , two, 1713.
	8. <i>Terriers</i> dated 1615 and 1630; also a <i>Terrier and Valuation of the great and small Tithes</i> 1809.
	9. <i>Tithe Map</i> , in the custody of the Rector. <i>Map of the Glebe Lands. Map of Canterbury Diocese.</i>
	11. <i>Faculties</i> : Two (1) For Mrs. Jenkin's window; (2) For Reredos, and for building north aisle, 1897.
	13. <i>Records of Parish Charities</i> :—Joynour's Will relating to church lands; Agreements for letting the church lands.

Class B kept at the Rectory.

[Note:—An Agreement for recasting three Bells in 1721, is printed in Stahlschmidts Church Bells of Kent p. 419.]

STURRY.

A.	1. Mixed 1538-1812	7. Mars. 1910-
	2. Burs. 1813-1861	8. Burs. 1861-1904
	3. Bapts. 1813-1837	9. Bapts. 1838-1862
	4. Mars. 1754-1812	10. „ 1862-1890
	5. „ 1814-1836	11. „ 1890-
	6. „ 1837-1910	12. Burs. 1905-

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1560.

No. 1 is a parchment book the entries from 1538 to 1598 being transcripts from an earlier volume.

Gaps: There are no Baptisms from 1543-1546 or for 1548.

Names of God Parents are given from 1555 to 1561.

Extract :—“ 1540 Oct. 4 Mr. John Foche sometime Abbot of St. Austin's was buried.”

Registers kept at the Church, they are in good order.

B. *Churchwardens' Account*, 2 leaves relating to the year 1592.
 2. *Overseers' Accounts*, 10 Vols., 1698-1816, also many Rate books, and certificates of Settlement.
 9. *Maps*, Tithe Map in the custody of the Vicar's Agent.
 10. *Deeds, etc.*, A parcel of Deeds relating to the bequest of Stephen Bigge.

Class B kept at the Church, in a wooden chest.

SUTTON (near Dover), SS. Peter and Paul.

A. 1. Mixed 1538-1602 (in poor condition and apparently no entries between 1538 and 1571.)
 2. Mixed 1630-? (likewise in poor condition).
 3. Bapts. 1764-1812 6. Mars. 1813-1837
 4. „ 1813-1906 7. „ 1837-
 5. Mars. 1760-1813 8. Burs. 1835-

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin in 1558.

The older books are kept at Rectory: those in use in Safe at Church.

B. 4 Vols. of Wardens' accounts, (a) 1720-1738, (b) 1729-1770, (c) 1769-1808 (d) 1776-1838.

1 Vol. Overseers' Accounts, 1736-7.

Inventory and Terrier (? modern).

Tithe Map, in custody of the Rector.

Class B kept at Rectory.

SUTTON (EAST), SS. Peter and Paul.

A. 1. Mixed 1648-1787 5. Mars. 1814-1837
 2. Mars. 1754-1812 6. Burs. 1813-
 3. Bapts. } 1787-1812 7. Mars. 1838-
 & Burs. } 8. Bapts. 1873-
 4. Bapts. 1812-1873

Transcripts in the Diocesan Registry begin 1563.

All the Registers are in good condition and are kept in the Church.

B. No information relating to records in Class B.

SUTTON VALENCE, St. Mary.

A.	1. Mixed	1576–1657	7. Mars.	1813–1836
	2. „	1657–1770	8. Burs.	1813–1849
	3. Mars.	1754–1812	9. Mars.	1837–
	4. Bapts. } & Burs.	1771–1794	10. Bapts.	1838–1862
	5. Bapts. } & Burs.	1795–1812	11. Burs.	1849–
	6. Bapts.	1813–1837	12. Bapts.	1863–1889
			13. „	1889–

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1563.

No. 1 is a vellum book, the entries to 1598 being transcripts from an earlier book, and signed by Thomas Compton, "Minister."

All the Register books are in good condition, and kept at the Church in the statutable iron box.

B. No information relating to records in Class B.

SWALECLIFFE, St. John the Baptist.

A.	1. Mixed	1558–1812	4. Mars.	1837	} Still in use.
	2. Mars.	1754–1812	5. Bapts.	1813	
	3. „	1813–1837	6. Burs.	1813	

Gaps:—No Baptisms 30 April 1658 to 14 June 1660.

No Marriages 22 March 1653–4, to 9 December 1660.

No Burials 13 August 1658 to 18 June 1660.

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1560.

No. 1 Register is of Parchment, and has the following entry:—under date Dec. 19, 1802. "Anne Rayner made oath before me this day, that the Body of Edward son of Robert and Jane Tassell buried at Swalecliffe, Dec. 15, 1802, was wrapped up in nothing but what was made of sheep's wool." R. Morgan, Vicar of Reculver and Hoath.

The Registers are in fair condition and are kept in the Church.

B. 1. *Churchwardens' Accounts* :—2 Vols. (1) 1711–1844 (2) 1844–.

2. *Overseers' Accounts* : 1 vol. 1801–1835. *Guardians' Book*, 1 vol. 1828–1847.

6. *Vestry Minute Book*, 2 vols. (1) 1838–1870, (contains also the Accounts of Surveyors of Highways 1830 to 1835), (2) 1871– (current).

9. *Tithe Map*, in the custody of the Rector.

13. *Parish Charities* :—Trust Deeds of the School. Abstracts of several of the Deeds of the Parish Charities have been printed in recent numbers of the parish magazine.

SWINGFIELD, St. Peter.

A.	1. Mixed 1698-1812	4. Bapts. 1891-
	2. Bapts. 1813-1891	5. Mars. 1813-1837
	3. Burs. 1813-	6. , 1837-

The Registers are kept in the Church, and have suffered from damp.

Transcripts in the Diocesan Registry begin 1563.

B. Records in Class B appear to be entirely lacking.

TENTERDEN, St. Mildred.

A.	1. Mixed 1544-1710	9. Burs. 1813-1848
	2. , 1710-1812	10. Bapts. 1833-1859
	3. Mars. 1754-1770	11. Mars. 1837-1862
	4. , 1770-1780	12. Burs. 1843-1902
	5. , 1780-1812	13. Bapts. 1859-
	6. , 1780-1823	14. Mars. 1862-
	7. , 1813-1837	15. Burs. 1903-
	8. Bapts. 1813-1832	

No. 1 is a parchment book, having on its title page the Royal arms between the letters E and R the following inscription " The Register Booke of Tenterden in the Countie of Kent. Conteining in it the names of all persons which have been Baptised, Married, and Buried, from the yeare of our Lord God one thousand five hundred fortie and fower " and at the foot of the page :—" This Register was new written in Parchment in the yeare 1599 Thomas Hatch and Richard Holman beinge in that yeare Churchwardens."

Two appointments of Civil Registrars during the Commonwealth period are recorded, *viz.*, that of Thomas Baker who was "chosen by Stephen Curteis Esq., maior of the Towne and Hundred of Tenterden, and the greater parte of the parishioners then and there present on 19th September 1653; and of William Aldcroft elected by " Thomas Huckstepp, gent, Deputy Mayor of the Towne and Hundred of Tenterden, Fregift Stace and Richard Haffenden, juratts of the said towne..... and by the greater part of the said parishioners then and there present.*

*Thomas Baker was Town Clerk of Tenterden 1652-3 and William Aldcroft occupied the same office 1654-1668 and again 1673-78.

One of the Civil Marriages recorded is that of Richard Kilburne the historian of Kent which is as follows :—" An Agreement of marriage betweene Richard Kilburne of Hawkhurst in the County of Kent, Esquire, and Sarah Birchet of this parish of Tenterden, widow, was published in the Church of Tenterden aforesaid upon the three several Lord's Dayes following, that is to say upon the Lord's Day being the eighth of January 1653, on the Lord's Day being the fifteenth of January aforesaid, and upon the Lord's Day being the two and twentieth day of Januay aforesaid."

"The aforesaid Richard Kilburne and Sarah Birchet were married in this parish of Tenterden upon the fourt and twentieth day of January 1653 by Daniell Shorte, Gent, one of the jurats and justices of Peace in ye Towne Corporate of Tenterden aforesaid, (Sig :) Daniell Shorte."

On the last page of this Book five ' Briefs ' are entered.

No. 2. On p. 432 is the following note :—" Some occurrences set down on a waste paper leaf at the end of this Book which was torn and began to decay copied by Mat Wallace, Vicar." These notes relate to Special Preachers ; Visitations of Bishops and Archbishops for Confirmations (when they always stayed at the " Woopack "), Sickness, Weather, Yew Tree, Sounding Board, Burials of persons executed for burglary, the Census, Vicars, Curates, and Parish Clerks.

On the inner cover of the book is the following memorandum :— " The Altar piece of this parish of Tenterden was erected in the year of our Lord 1736, by a contribution collected by Theophilus De L'Angle, Vicar. The list is headed by Sir John Hales, Bart. who gave £21, and the total sum collected amounted to £112 18s. 6d.

Registers 1 to 6 are in fair condition, the remainder good.

Registers kept in the Church.

B. No official return has been made concerning records in Class B, but the following list has been supplied by Mr. A. H. Taylor, who examined the contents of the Church Muniment Chest in 1907.

1. *Churchwardens' Accounts*, from 1627.
2. *Overseers' Accounts*, from 1671.
3. *Sundry Rolls of Papers*, some in Latin, some dated 1663.
4. *Corporation Accounts*, from about 1600.
5. *A list of "Firehearts,"* 1664.
6. *Rolls*, fixing rates of wages etc.

A box in the Vestry Chest contains the following records :— *Churchwardens' Accounts*, 4 Vols., (a) 1627-1712; (b) 1747-1779; (c) 1780-1805; (d) 1806-1842.

Overseers' and Surveyors' Accounts, 2 Vols. 1671-1692; 1693-1727-8.

Overseers' Accounts, 1773-1791; 1791-1810.

Surveyors, 1828-1843.

Ledger of the Parish of Tenterden, 1826-1827.

Orders in Vestry, 1783-1826.

"*Balance Journal*," 1835-1837.

Highway Rate, 1844-1853.

Select Vestry, 1820-1824; 1824-1827; 1827-1829; 1827-1835; 1829-1835; 1831-1832.

Poors' Rate, 1810-1825; 1826-1830; 1831-1834.

Two long narrow parchment bound books :—(1) *Surveyors' Accounts*, 1747-1828. (2) *Certificates of Settlements to Tenterden*, 1676-1792, and from Tenterden 1707-1793.

Also a bundle of parchments dating from 1620 onwards relating to fixing the annual rate of wages, etc. [Corporation Records.]

24 Vols., 1 bundle.

TENTERDEN, St. Michael.

Modern Parish. Registers begin 1863.

TEYNHAM, St. Mary.

A.	1. Mixed	1538-1651	10. Mars.	1754-1812	
	2. "	1653-1753	11. "	1813-1837	
	3. "	1754-1811	12. "	1837-1895	
	4. Bapts.	1813-1844	13. "	1895-1911	
	5. "	1844-1869	14. "	1911-1929	
	6. "	1870-1883	15. Burs.	1813-1859	
	7. "	1883-1895	16. "	1859-1890	
	8. "	1895-1908	17. "	1890-1919	1919-
	9. "	1908-			

Gaps: No Baptisms 1647-53; no Marriages 1548-61, and 1649-53; no Burials 1646-53.

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1560.

No. 1 is a parchment book in modern binding 13½ in. by 6 in., having on the first leaf some Baptisms of years 1648-55. On the second page is:—"The Register Booke offe the p'she of Tenham etc.1538." Baptisms 1538 to 1647, signed at the end of the pages by John Simons, minister, the churchwardens and others. Marriages begin 1548, then no entries until 1561 but later continuous to 1649. In 1650 the beginning of one entry, and in 1651 one entry. Burials 1547-1646.

[In 1581 a Presentment was made:—Our Register Book is not kept, because our vicar is absent:—Vol. 1577-84, fol. 57, in Cathedral Library.]

No. 2 is a parchment book, in modern binding, 13½ in., by 9½ in., having on the first page—"The Register book.....according to an Act of Parliament (inserted in the ende hereof) etc.....from the 29 of 7ber [September] 1653."

Also—"According to a late Act of Parliament bearing date the 24th of August 1653 intituled an Act.....Marriages and ye Registering thereof, and also.....births and burials: James Wood, minister of Tenham being elected parish Register for Tenham aforesaid, is approved and sworn by me this 31st day of March 1654. John Osborne."

There are five pages of "Briefs," 1711 to 1731, also a note as to the charge for Briefs, whether 6d., 3d., or 4d., signed by John Eve, vicar [1708]. Also five Briefs, 1805.

On the second page begin the Marriages 1653 to 1753, followed by a note by William Dakins, curate, 1843, as to the careless custody of the Registers by the parish-clerk who could not spell (1742-54). Then come the Baptisms 1653 to 1753, and Burials 1653 to 1753.

There are various notes of the names of the vicars and curates, "from the old Church Rate Book."

No. 3 is a parchment book containing Baptisms and Burials 1754 to 1811. On page 1 is a list of vicars (said to be incorrect). After the Baptisms (p. 15) another list of vicars. On page 16 a list of curates; and on page 17 sundry notes of expenditure, special sermons, additions to the church, etc., from 1767, and continued to the present day. After the Burial entries is a subscription list for the distressed poor in Ireland, 1822. Copy of a Terrier without date, and sundry other notes.

Registers kept in the Church.

- B. 1. *Churchwardens' Accounts*, 2 Vols., 1832-48; 1849-70.
- 6. *Vestry Minute Books*, 3 Vols., (1) 1585-1726, a paper book in the original vellum cover, 12 in., by 8½ in. It begins—“This book made in the year of our Lord 1585 on the 18th day of April making mention of all matters (concerning?) and (belonging?) to the P'she of Tenham in the County of Kent.” Contains the elections of churchwardens etc. Many of the signatures by mark, some individuals having their own symbol.
- 2. *Overseers' Accounts*, 1846-72; (3) *Waywardens' Accounts*, 1872 to present time.
- 9. *Tithe Map*, in the Vicar's custody.
- 10. *Faculties*, One for two windows in the north transept, to the memory of Robt. Lake of Newlands, 1911.

Class B kept in a Safe in the Church.

THORNHAM, St. Mary.

A.	1. Mixed	1625-1759	6. Mars.	1813-1827
	2. Bapts.	1759-1812	7. ,,	1827-1837
	} & Burs		8. Bapts.	1862-
	3. Mars.	1754-1812	9. Burs.	1884-
	4. Bapts.	1813-1863	10. Mars.	1838-
	5. Burs.	1813-1884		

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin in 1562.

No. 1 is a parchment book 13½ in. by 6 in. and contains (1) Baptisms Marriages, and Burials 1625 to 1720, but there are no Burial entries 1682-1721, and in 1682 there is an entry—“Burials after this date are entered in a book bought for ye purpose.” (This book is missing); (2) Baptisms 1720-59; (3) Burials 1721-49; (4) Marriages 1722-52; (5) Burials 1749-59.

Registers kept in the Church.

- B. 1. *Churchwardens' Accounts*—3 Vols., (1) 1801-40; (2) 1840-1910; (3) 1911 to the present time.
- 2. *Overseers' Accounts*, 1786-1829, and several Rate Books.
- 3. *Waywardens' Accounts*, 2 Vols., (1) 1818-37; (2) 1855-57. Rate Book 1843-47.
- Church-Rate Books, 2 Vols., (1) 1860-72; (2) 1873-80.
- 6. *Vestry Minute Books*, 2 Vols., (1) 1857-83; (2) 1883-94.
- 9. *Tithe Map*, 1825, in the custody of the Vicar.
- 11. *Faculty*, for oak reredos. (date not given).
- 12. *Consecration* of land added to the churchyard, 1904.

Sundry deeds relating to Church lands.

Class B kept in the Church.

THROWLEY, St. Michael.

A. ✓ 1. Mixed	1557-1767	6. Burs.	1813-1884 ✓
✓ 2. „	1768-1812	7. Bapts.	1847-1889 ✓
✓ 3. Mars.	1754-1812	8. „	1889- ✓
✓ 4. „	1813-1837	9. Burs.	1885-
✓ 5. Bapts.	1813-1847	10. Mars.	1837-

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1563.

No. 1 is a parchment book 15½ in. by 7 in. On the first page is the following inscription:—"The Register Book of Christeninge Weddinge and Burialle in the parish of Throwely from the first yeaire of Queen Elizabeth's reigne 1558 truly copied out of the old Register in the month of November 1598. Mro. Guilielmo Covell, vicario ibidem, Henrico Franklyn, Guilielmo Rigden, Gardianis."

On the fly leaf are two entries:—"Mr. Annand 15 July 1649 primo habuit concionem post institutionem in Vicariam hujus Ecclesiæ et rectoratum Levlandi." Then lower down on the same page:—"Virtute Magnæ Brittaniae (sigilli) inductus fuit Johannes Willis L.L.D., e Collegio Oriel' Oxon' ad Vicariam hujus et Sheldwicianæ Ecclesiae curam Ao Dni. 1715 per Institutionem admodum Reverendi Thomae Tenisoni hujus Provinciae Archiepiscopi et totius Angliae Metropolitani."

After the last Marriage entry in this Register, it is stated:—"Here the late Act of Parliament that took place in ye year 1754 stopt in to put a stop to the Registering of Marriages in this Form, which are therefore to be found in a Register Book pursuant to the Form prescribed by ye above said Act of Parliament passed into a Law in the twenty-sixth year of King George the Second—intitled an Act for the better preventing of clandestine Marriages."

During the Commonwealth period an ecclesiastical Marriage is recorded as follows:—"1654 William Hetly and Marie Baker maryed (after they had been civilly joyned by Dr. Hounywood Justice of Peace according to the new act of Parliament set down by the L. General Cromwel the thirtieth day of March."

On a page following the last entry of burial is the following memorandum:—"1798. The Parishioners would be very glad to have a resident Clergyman again, for we are at present supplied with a new Curate once in about 3 or 4 Months. Unanimous."

In this Register are entries of Briefs.

No. 2 is a parchment book 14 in. by 9 in., containing Baptisms and Burials at opposite ends. In the middle is inserted a Terrier of the "House, Offices, Garden, Gleble Land and Tithes belonging to the Vicarage of Throley in the County of Kent," made the 4th May, 1833. And further on is a list of the Vicars of Throwley with some particulars respecting each one, collected and entered by the late Canon Scott Robertson. The list begins with Peter Playce, buried June 29th, 1573; and is continued up to date.

Registers kept in the Church.

B. 1. *Churchwardens' Accounts*, 3 Vols., 1652-93; 1693-1750; 1750-1826.
 2. *Overseers' Accounts*, 8 Volumes 1640 to 1836.
 3. *Waywardens' Accounts*, 1810-36.
 Surveyor's Accounts, 10 Volumes 1836-49.
 6. *Vestry Minute Books*, 3 Vols., 1837-66; 1866-98; 1899 to the present time.
 9. *Tithe Map*, in the Vicar's custody.
 10. *Deeds*, Trust Deeds of Church School.
 Award of Exchange of Glebe Lands 1871.
 11. *Faculties* (1) For restoring and re-seating the church, 1870;
 (2) Removing the Organ, 1897; (3) For a Lych Gate 1911.
 12. *Act of Consecration*, Copy of deed of consecration of an addition to the churchyard 1911.

Class B kept in a locked oak chest in the Church.

TILMANSTONE, St. Andrew.

A. 1. Mixed 1558-1675 (and on *separate* leaves in same book)
 Bapts. Mar. and Bur. 1676-1812.
 2. Bapts. 1813-1874 5. Mars. 1813-1837
 3. " 1874- 6. " 1837-
 4. Mars. 1754-1812 7. Burs. 1813-

Transcripts begin in 1563 in Diocesan Registry.

During the Commonwealth the entries are up to the average. The Registers are in good order and are kept at the Vicarage in an iron safe.

B. 2 Vols. Churchwardens' Accounts (a) 1707-1804, (b) 1804-1864.
 Briefs entered in earliest Register.
 Modern Vestry books.
 Modern Inventory.
 Terriers (1) 1615, (2) 1630 both extracted from the Diocesan Registry.
 Tithe Map and plan of old Vicarage (1719).
 4 Faculties (1) for Vault 1777, the rest modern.

These Records are kept at the Vicarage.

TONGE, St. Giles.

A. 1. Mixed 1717-1812 5. Bapts. 1813-1907
 2. Mars. 1754-1812 6. " 1907-
 3. " 1813-1836 7. Burs. 1814-
 4. " 1837-

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin in 1563.

No. 1 is a parchment book, 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ by 9 $\frac{1}{2}$. On four paper pages at the beginning of the Register are Briefs from 1786 to 1797. This Register contains Baptisms and Burials 1717 to 1812; and Marriages 1718 to 1754.

Registers kept in the Church.

B. 1. *Churchwardens' Accounts* :—5 Vols. 1683 to 1721; 1738 to 1749; 1754-56; 1760 to 1793; 1794 to 1870; some of them are only portions of books, without covers.
 2. *Overseers' Accounts* :—2 vols. 1772 to 1800; 1800 to 1822.
 6. *Vestry Minute Book*, 1843 to present time.
 9. *Tithe Map*, in the custody of the Vicar.

Class B kept in the Church.

TUNSTALL, St. John the Baptist.

A.	1. Mixed	1538-1711	5. Mars.	1840-
	2. ,	1711-1812	6. Bapts.	1813-
	3. Mars.	1754-1812	7. Burs.	1814-
	4. ,	1813-1834		

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1563.

No. 1 Register has been transcribed by the Rev. E. Cookson of Ipswich. The entries from 1538 to 1598 are transcripts from an earlier book.

No. 2 contains Baptisms and Burials 1711 to 1812; and Marriages 1711 to 1754.

The Registers are kept at the Rectory.

B. 1. *Churchwardens' Accounts*, one vol. from 1799, to the present day; this Volume was also used as the *Vestry Minute book*.
6. *Vestry Minute Book*, from 1895.
7. *Inventory of church goods*, 1913.
8. *Terrier of church lands*, 1913.
9. *Tithe Map*, in the custody of the Rector's Agents, Messrs. Webb and Co., Sittingbourne.

Class B kept at the Rectory.

ULCOMBE, All Saints.

A.	1. Mixed	1560-1642	6. Burs.	1813-1885
	2. ,	1642-1812	7. Mars.	1837-
	3. Mars.	1754-1812	8. Bapts.	1850-1889
	4. Bapts.	1813-1849	9. Burs.	1885-
	5. Mars.	1813-1837	10. Bapts.	1889-

Transcripts begin in the Diocesan Registry in 1563.

No. 1 is a parchment book 21½ in. by 5½ in., and contains Baptisms, Marriages and Burials intermixed to the end of 1563 when they are entered separately. This Register is a copy to the end of 1598, apparently made by Richard Horsmonden, rector. The entries are in Latin with the exception of one or two.

No. 2 is a parchment book 20 in. by 11½ in., and an entry at the beginning states it was purchased by the Overseers of the poor in 1667. The Register begins in 1642 and is evidently a copy of a previous Register to the end of 1677. Baptisms and Births 1651–2, then Births to 1661. During the Commonwealth the entries are quite up to the average. On the last page is a list of 24 children unbaptised, between 1692 and 1726.

Registers kept in the Church.

B. 6. *Vestry Minute Books* :—5 vols., 1758–75, 1776–83, 1783–87, 1835–86, 1886 to present day.
 9. *Maps*, of Glebe, and Tithe map in the custody of the Rector.
 13. *Parochial Charities*, Accounts of Holland's Charity 1694 to 1777 when the charity was lost; and of Bailey Charity 1694 to the present time.

Class B kept at the Church.

UPCHURCH, St. Mary.

A. 1. Mixed 1633–1713 7. Burs. 1813–1881
 2. " 1713–1776 8. Bapts. 1857–1888
 3. Mars. 1754–1811 9. Mars. 1837–
 4. Mixed 1777–1813 10. Burs. 1881–
 5. Mars. 1814–1837 11. Bapts. 1888–
 6. Bapts. 1813–1857

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin in 1560.

No. 1 is a parchment book, and contains the appointment of the Register :—“ According to Act. Parl. 24 Aug. 1653, Henry Milway of Halstow, yeoman, elected Par. Reg. for Upchurch, approved and sworn by me 11 Feb. 1653 John Osborne.”

This Register also contains records of the Parish Charities.

No. 2 is a parchment book of Baptisms and Burials 1713 to 1776; and Marriages 1713 to 1753.

No. 6 and 7 contains notes relating to Church restoration, etc.

Registers kept in the Church, all with the exception of No. 1 which is described as “ fair ” are in good condition.

B. 1. *Churchwardens' Accounts* :—1700 to 1800. Church Rate Books, 1858–65. 1866–68. 1850 (also contains Vestry Minutes) 1886. Various Rate Books. Church Books 1760 to 1805; and 1806 to 1849.
 3. *Waywardens' Accounts*, 7 vols., 1841, 1844, 1845, 1847, 1848, 1850, 1855.

6. *Vestry Minute Books*, from 1850 (also contains particulars of the 'bread charity.'

10. *Deeds* :—Altered apportionments and redemptions of Tithe, 1857, 1896, 1900, 1903, etc.
Conveyance of site for Infant School, 1882; and of Holywell School, 1846.
Poor Wood exchange, 1816.

11. *Faculty* :—two (a) for east window 1896, (b) enlargement of the churchyard, 1897.

13. *Records of Parish Charities* :—Some will be found at beginning of Register 1.
Miscellaneous :—Letter, dated Dec. 1889, from All Souls College, relative to a grant of £1000 towards the endowment of the Vicarage. Legal settlement of William Wakelyn, 1817. Copy of the will of Benjamin Trout. Indentures of Apprenticeship. Bastardy Orders. Additional Income, 1907. Repair of the Bells, 1899. Marriage Licences. Allotments, 1837. School Accounts, 1829-30.

Class B kept in Oak Chest at the Church.

WALDERSHARE, All Saints.

A. 1. Mixed 1561-1808 5. Bapts. 1813-
2. Mars. 1741-1806 6. Mars. 1813-1839
3. „ 1810-1839 7. Burs. 1816-
4. Burs. 1809-1812 8. Mars. 1839-

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1565.

The Registers are in good order and are kept in an iron safe at the Church.

During the Commonwealth the entries reach the usual average.

B. 1. *Churchwardens' Accounts*, 1891.
6. *Vestry Minute Book*, 1891.
9. *Inventory, Terrier, Tithe Map, etc.*

These records are kept with the registers.

WALMER, St. Mary.

A. 1. Mixed 1560-1764 11. Mars. 1837-1865
2. Bapts. } 1680-1785 12. Burs. 1854-1870
& Burs } 1680-1785 13. Mars. 1865-1891
3. Mars. 1754-1812 14. Burs. 1870-1888
4. Bapts. } 1764-1805 15. Bapts. 1877-1883
& Burs } 1764-1805 16. Bapts. 1883-
5. Bapts. 1813-1824 17. Mars. 1891-1912
6. Mars. 1813-1830 18. Burs. 1888-
7. Burs. 1813-1832 19. Mars. 1912-
8. Bapts. 1824-1876
9. Mars. 1830-1837
10. Burs. 1832-1854

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1560.

Gaps: No Marriages from 1646 to 1677 then two and no more until 1693. Baptisms and Burials are also defective during the Commonwealth period.

No. 1 is a vellum book, the entries between 1560 and 1598 being transcripts from an earlier Register.

At the end are the following notes and memoranda:—

A Copy, with signatures of the "Solomon League and Covenant March 10 1643," against which a wag has written a "League or bond of Iniquity, The number of the beast 166."

2. A Terrier of Glebe lands.

3. "John Ramsay, Rector of East Langdon and Herne, Chaplain to the ordinary at Portsmouth, and Curate of Walmer, Dyed Aug. 18th, 1724, and was succeeded in the curacy of Walmer by Edward Lloyd, Rector of Ripple and Bettshanger, who was admitted thereto by Dr. Wake His Grace of Canterbury at Croydon Sept. 5 1724."

From 1605 to 1644 the entries are often wholly or in part in Latin, e.g., 1637 "Mr. William Lisle gen. doctus senex annos 73 vixit Caelebs studiis incumbens sepult Augusti 28."

Extracts. "Anthony Broomstone, Rector of Ripple and Curate of Walmer, was Buried 7th Jan. 1647 at Ripple, as vide Register."

"William Stanley, Curate of Walmer, and Rector of Ripple was buried at Ripple Dec. 21th 1680."

"Thomas Paramor, Rector of East Langdon and Curate of Walmer, was buried at East Langdon."

"Buried 1677 Sir Thomas Engeham Baronet Governor of ye Castle Oct. 2."

"Mr. Edmund Lisle, Captain of the Castle Oct. 2."

"Buried 1680, Anne ye wife of Mr. Christopher Boys, Oct. 19."

"Capt. Christopher Boyce (*Governor of Castle*) was buried May 29th 1709."

The Registers are kept in the Church. They are in good condition except No. 2 which is described as "fair." They have been transcribed (from 1560 to 1837) by Mr. J. Popkiss, in 1907.

- B. 1. *Churchwardens' Accounts* :—2 Vols., (1) 1756–1811, (2) 1812–1845.
- 2. *Overseers' Accounts* :—4 Vols., (1) 1798–1815, (2) 1827–1835, (3) 1824–1835, (4) 1833–1835.
Also a 'Labor, and Stock Book', 1817.
- 7. *Inventories of Church Goods*, one dated April 1897.
- 8. *Terriers of Church Lands*, two, dated respectively 1724 and 1897.
- 9. *Maps and Tithe Map* in the custody of the Vicar; and a Map of Glebe lands.
- 10, 11, 12. Various modern Deeds, Faculties, and Papers, but no particulars supplied.
- 13. *Records of Parochial Charities*, Documents relating to Barrow's, Hughes's, and unknown Donor's Charities, but no particulars given.

Records in Class B are kept in the Church.

WALMER, St. Saviour.

Baptismal Register from 1855.

WALTHAM, St. Bartholomew.

A.	1. Mixed	1538-1720	6. Burs.	1813-1892
	2. , ,	1720-1809	7. Mars.	1813-1837
	3. Mars.	1754-1812	8. Bapts.	1849-
	4. Bapts. } 1810-1812		9. Burs.	1892-
	& Burs }		10. Mars.	1838-
	5. Bapts.	1813-1849		

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1567.

Registers kept at Petham Vicarage.

B.

- 1. *Churchwardens' Accounts*, 1869 to present time.
- 2. *Overseers' Accounts* :—2 Vols., 1822-35; 1835-48. Workhouse Guardians Accounts 1823-31.
- 6. *Vestry Minute Book* from 1874.
- 9. *Tithe Map*, in the custody of the Vicar.

Class B kept at Petham Vicarage.

WARDEN, St. James.

A.	1. Mars.	1754-1824	3. Bapts.	1814-1884
	2. , ,	1840-1872	4. Bur .	1814-1869

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin in 1574.

Registers kept at Minster Vicarage.

B.

- Tithe Map*, in the custody of the Vicar of Minster.

Note :—The church was taken down in 1887, and the Registers are kept at Minster in Sheppey, to which the parish of Warden is united.

WAREHORNE, St. Matthew.

A.	1. Mixed	1727-1813*	5. Burs.	1813-1903
	2. Bapts.	1813-1879	6. Bapts.	1879-
	3. Mars.	1755-1812	7. Mars.	1837-
	4. , ,	1813-1837	8. Burs.	1903-

*No earlier Register mentioned in the Parliamentary return of 1833.

Transcripts in the Diocesan Registry begin 1563.

No. 2 has on the fly-leaf the following notes:—"National School established in the year 1830, united to the Parent Society in the year 1831. Edw. R. Nares." The Brick Tower erected 1777. The Turret and Vane, 1820. List of Population, etc.: 1811-1821, shewing an increase of 58 in the latter year. Population by Census of 1851, males 269, females 238, Total 507. Population by Census of 1861, males 219, females 193, Total 412. E. Johnstone, rector, 1863.

No. 3 has a list of Fees, on the inside of the cover and fly-leaf.

No. 5 has on the fly-leaf notes on the population of Warehorne: between 1821 and 1871.

There are two Banns Books 1823 to date; and a Register for burying in woollen 1727-1813.

Registers are in good condition and are kept at the Church.

B. 1. *Churchwardens' Accounts* :—2 Vols., (1) 1704-1739, (2) 1829 to present time.
 2. *Overseers' Accounts* :—1 vol. 1816-1835.
 6. *Vestry Minute Book* :—3 Vols. 1826 to present time.
 9. *Tithe Map*, in the custody of the Rector.

Miscellaneous: List of Rectors from 1438. Report on the architecture of the Church by Reginald T. Blomfield, 1889.

Records in Class B are kept at the Church.

WESTBERE, All Saints.

A.	1. Mixed	1577-1652	6. Mars.	1774-1810
	2. „	1678-1812	7. Bapts.	1813-
	3. „	1653-1779	8. Burs.	1813-
	4. „	1754-1774	9. Mars.	1813-1836
	5. „	1678-1814	10. „	1837

Transcripts begin in Diocesan Registry 1560.

Gaps:—Marriages defective between 1705 and 1774.

No. 4 is very imperfect, The Book requires re-binding.

Richard Roydon was appointed " Register " of the parish in 1657.

Registers kept at the Rectory, Nos. 2 and 4 require repair.

B. 1. *Churchwardens' Accounts*, from 1883.
 2. *Overseers' Accounts*, 10 volumes), from 1664.
 6. *Vestry Minute Books*, from 1837.
 9. *Tithe Map*, in the custody of the Rector.
 12. *Consecration* of additional Burial Ground 1891.
 13. *Parish Charities*, (1) Minutes of Meetings of the "Bread and Cheese Charity," from 1833: (2) Particulars of Friend Williamson's Charity, 1888.

Also the following notes by the late Rector of the Parish.

" It is perhaps worth while mentioning two matters of historical importance to be found in the parish records :

One of these is connected with a Rent Charge (not T.R.C.) of 12s. paid by the owner of land adjoining the rectory glebe or garden, to the churchwardens for the church. Some years ago the owner of this land repudiated this charge as a legal claim. When I came to the parish (1900) I had to deal with this. Later on one acre of land called the Church Acre was sold by this owner, who fixed this charge upon this piece of land. The purchaser appealed to the Charity Commissioners on the ground that it was not this land on which the charge was made. The matter was referred to the Rector and Churchwardens, when I went through the records of the parish, and traced the payment of 12s. a year by Lord Sondes' family who owned the land formerly, for over 200 years. We came to the conclusion that the charge was not upon the Church Acre. The result is that whoever owns the land adjoining the rectory-glebe has to pay the 12s. ; and the matter was settled for all time, a return being required to be made annually of its being paid, to the Charity Commissioners.

Also the records shew that Dr. Knatchbull (of Aldington) who was rector from the year 1811 to 1868, only once attended a vestry-meeting, in the year 1862. He seems never to have performed any service or duty in the parish. A Thomas Bruce was curate for about 25 years, and James Hughes Hallett for several years was curate, before he was appointed rector on the death of Dr. Knatchbull.

WESTCLIFFE, St. Peter.

A.	1. Mixed 1576–1812	4. Mars. 1829–1838
	2. Mars. 1761–1812	5. Burs. 1817–
	3. Bapts. 1818–	6. Mars. 1838–

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1574.

Gaps: No Baptisms 1704–9; 1729–1735; 1769–1779; 1790–1805; 1812–1818. No Marriages 1754–1761. No Burials 1784–1817.

No. 1 is a vellum book, the entries to 1610 being transcripts.

B. The only documents in this class are one Vestry Minute book from 1871, and the Tithe Map. These and the Registers are kept in the vestry of the Church of St. Margaret at Cliffe.

WESTGATE, St. James.

Modern Parish.

A.	1. Mars. 1873	3. Bapts. 1912
	2. Bapts. 1873–1912	
B.	1. <i>Churchwardens' Accounts</i> , from 1874.	
	6. <i>Vestry Minute Book</i> , from 1874.	
	9. <i>Map of the Parish</i> 1873.	
	11. <i>Faculty</i> for erection of Vestry room, 1908.	

WESTGATE, St. Saviour.

A. 1. Bapts. 1884. 2. Mars. 1885–
 B. Faculty to purchase a Bell, 1902.

WEST MARSH, Holy Trinity.

Modern Parish.

A. 1. Bapts. 1861– 3. Banns 1904–
 2. Mars. 1861–

The Vols. are in good condition and are kept in an iron box in the Church.

B. *Churchwardens' Account Books*, (1) 1861–1862, (2) 1911–1912.
Vestry Minute Book, (1) 1862.

WESTWELL, St. Mary.

A. 1. Mixed	1558–1654	7. Mars. 1813–1837–
2. Mixed	1655–1750	8. Bapts. 1836–1857–
3. Mixed	1751–1815	9. Bapts. 1858–1890–
4. Mars. & Banns } 1754–1818		10. Bapts. 1890–
5. Bapts.	1813–1836	11. Burs. 1874–
6. Burs.	1813–1873	12. Mars. 1838–
		13. Mars. (Duplicate) 1838–

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1569.

No. 1 is a parchment book : the entries up to 1598 being transcripts, subscribed, at the foot of each page, by William Tedder, Minister, Thomas Fuller, and Robert Tylby, Churchwardens.

Gaps: There appear to be some gaps from Nov. 11th 1599 to June 22nd, 1612, and after Dec. 31st, 1620 to April 2nd 1622. The entries, reach the usual average from 1644–1660, but are made in different handwritings.

On the top of the last page but two of this register occurs the following note " 1630 Gregory Baker, borne at Ripple in the parish of Westwell in the County of Kent, seeing all went into the city and none into the temple, (where because he had found great consolation he desired to make some poore oblation), gave to this Church of Westwell 2 gilt flagons and a gilt Communion Cuppe with a cover weyng in all one hundred and three ounces, John Viney beinge at that time Vicar there."

No. 2. "June ye 26th 1689 Gathered there in ye parish of Westwell ye first Breef for Reliefe of ye Irish Protestants ye sume of two pounds tenn shillings and three pence by us Ch. Hargreaves, Vicar. Gilbeon Sharpe, Thomas Rasell, Churchwardens."

Registers kept at the Vicarage.

B. 1. *Churchwardens' Account Books*, 4 Vols., (1) 1708-1717 ; (2) 1718-1739 ; (3) 1778-1834 ; (4) 1853-1913.
 2. *Overseers' Account Books*, 7 Vols., 1684.....1836. (except 1700-1755 and 1771 to 1793).
 3. *Waywardens' Account Books*, 3 Vols., 1786.....1836 (except 1819-1827).
Tithe Account Books, 3 Vols., 1717-1728, 1729-1755, 1791-1805.
 6. *Vestry Minute Books*, 2 Vols., 1834 to 1913.
 9. *Tithe Map*, in the custody of the Vicar.
 11. *Faculties*, Four for recent alterations. Class B kept at the Vicarage.

WHITFIELD (OR BEAUXFIELD), St. Peter.

A. 1. Mixed 1585-1788 5. Mars. 1813-1839
 2. , 1789-1812 6. , 1837-
 3. Burs. 1813- 7. Bapts. 1812-1911
 4. Mars. 1755-1811 8. , 1911-

The Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1561.

The Registers are in fair order and are kept in the Church in iron box. During the Commonwealth the entries seem to be up to the average.

B. Various Account books etc., between 1797 and 1860.
 Modern Terrier and Inventory.

Class B kept at Church in iron box.

WHITSTABLE, All Saints.

A. 1. Mixed 1549-1741 7. Bapts. } 1813-1833
 2. , 1750-1797 & Burs } 1833-1856
 3. Mars. 1754-1785 8. , 1856-1873
 4. , 1785-1812 9. , 1873-1897
 5. , 1813-1837 10. , 1897-
 6. Bapts. } 1797-1812 11. Burs. 1813-1846
 & Burs } 12. , 1846-1872

Gaps: No Baptisms 1630-1637. No Marriages 1654-1660. No Burials 1656-1659.

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1564.

No. 1 is a parchment book 18½ in. by 7 in., which has been repaired and re-bound in vellum. The outside margins of the first pages are partly illegible, and a page appears to have been lost before this register was re-bound, as there are no Baptisms from January 1630 to January 1637. There are no Burials from July 1656 to April 1659, but there is part of a leaf of burials without date. No Marriages 1654 to July 1660; also none in the years 1601, 1622, 1672, 1675, 1677.

The contents of this Register are in the following order:—

Baptisms	1556–1630	Marriages	1662–1734
„	1636–1645	Baptisms	1716–1741
„	1658–1662	Burials	1727–1729
„	1646–1657	„	1659–1726
Marriages	1549–1662	Baptisms	1699–1716
Burials	1556–1656	„	1622–1699.

In the Burial Register the following note occurs:—"A Great Plague this year, Anno 1564 in Whitstable," and in the margin—"June now the Plague began." The first burial from the Plague was 11th June, and there are many burials through July, August, and September 1564.

[There had been a very severe epidemic of plague and great mortality in London, from June 1563 to January 1564, followed by several provincial outbreaks and it was bad at Canterbury in 1564—See "History of Epidemics in Britain" by Charles Creighton, 1891. p. 304–9].

Also the following:—"Sept. 8 day 1692 an Earth Quake, pretty much witness the inhabitants of the whole parish. Registered by me—Tho. Willard, parish-clerke."

The Rev. Thomas Patten, vicar 1711–64 wrote, "In the year 1745–6, 12 thousand Highlanders and Irish Rapparees, with some French Officers and Engineers, in all above 12,000, commanded by a few Scotch Rebel Lords, had very near overturned the British Government and brought about a Revolution in favour of that.....Prigg the Pretender. Scotland was the Seat of the War."

The Registers are in good condition and are kept at the Church.

B. 1. *Churchwardens' Accounts, 1712–1834.*

2. *Overseers' Accounts, 1813–1818.*

Also Poor Book, 1813–1818.

6. *Vestry Minute Books, 2 Vols., 1780–1845; 1846–1865.*

9. *Tithe Map, in the custody of the Vicar and Wardens.*

13. *Records of the Parish Charities, these are in the custody of the Urban Council.*

Miscellaneous: (1) Parish Book containing (1) Names of the communicants at every communion 1587–1636. (2) List of Parish Officers 1615–24.

2. Parish Book, containing (1) Names of the communicants at every communion 1637–1710; (2) Accounts of Vestries 1712–1834; (3) List of Parish Officers 1637–1725.

3. Parish Book, containing (1) Minutes of Vestry Meetings 1705–1847; (2) List of Briefs 1707–13.

Class B kept in a Safe in the Vestry of the Church.

WICKHAMBREAUX, St. James.

A.	1. Mixed	1563-1649	6. Burs.	1901-
	2. ,	1653-1769	7. Bapts.	1813-1872
	3. Mars.	1754-1831	8. Bapts.	1872-
	4. Bapts. & Burs.	1770-1812	9. Mars.	1813-1837
	5. Burs.	1813-1900	10. Mars.	1837-

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1563.

Gaps: Very few entries 1644-1660, no entries 1648 nor 1650-1654 inclusive. In 1654 James Parker was elected Parish Registrar and thenceforward to the Restoration the entries are about normal in number.

In Register 2 the following notes are written on the inner side of the cover: "All Parsons shall keep a true register (in writing) of all persons (married), buried, Christened, or born in their respective parishes, and upon neglect shall pay 100s. The Collectors shall every year the day after ye Assessments delivered to ym deliver ye same or a true copy to ye parson who on ye next Sunday after ye receipt thereof shall publickly read ye same after divine service in ye morning."

"Burials 4s., Batchellors above ye age of 25 years, Christening 2s, and every widower having no child shall after ye 1 May 1695 pay yearly for 5 years one shilling."

Also: the "Weight and mark of ye Communion cup and cover, 'Wickhambreaux engraved on cup and cover weight of cup 9 oz. 13 dwt., weight of cover 5 oz. 2 dwt."

Register 3 has a list of contributors and sums contributed to a fund for the redemption of "English Captives in Argiers" (*Algiers*) dated January 1670, Total £4 2s. 2d., Will Belke, rector.

Also:—"April ye 8th 1677 gathered towards ye relief of ye persecuted Ministers in Hungary ye sum of 7s. 9d."

Registers kept at the Rectory.

B. 1. *Churchwardens' Accounts*: 4 vols., (1) 1679-1711, (2) 1763-1798, (3) 1771-1798, (4) 1850.

[No. 1 requires repair.]

5. *Briefs*: Many Briefs are entered in Reg. 2.

6. *Vestry Minute Books*: 1858 (onwards).

7. *Inventories*: one, dated 1911 entered in Vestry Book.

9. *Tithe Map*: in the custody of the Rector's Agents, Messrs. Kingsford, Solicitors, Canterbury.

13. *Parochial Charities*: Records relating to Smith's Charity.

Class B kept at the house of the Churchwarden (Mr. Kelsey in 1913).

WICKHAM, WEST, St. John the Baptist.

A.	1. Mixed 1558-1788	7. Bapts. 1855-
	2. Mars. 1755-1812	8. Mars. 1837 } Duplicate.
	3. Mixed 1788-1812	9. Mars. 1837 }
	4. Bapts. 1813-1854	10. Burs. 1871-
	5. Mars. 1813-1850	11. Bapts. 1912-
	6. Burs. 1813-1870	

No. 1 is a parchment book, the earlier entries being transcripts from the original entries.

Gaps: No marriages for the years 1651, 1652, 1653, 1654.

The Registers are kept in a Fire-proof Safe in the Church.

No Transcripts at Canterbury.

B.	1. <i>Churchwardens' Accounts</i> : There are some Books in the custody of the Churchwardens, but no information respecting them has been supplied.
	6. <i>Vestry Minute Books</i> : One Vol. commencing 1838.
	7. <i>Inventories of Church Goods</i> : one dated 1596.
	8. <i>Maps, etc.</i> : Tithe Map in the custody of the Rector.
	11. <i>Faculties</i> : Two, relating to the erection of new windows, dated respectively 9 April 1901 and 13 April 1908.

Records in Class B are kept in the Church Safe.

WILLESBOROUGH, St. Mary.

A.	1. Mixed 1538-1696	7. Bapts. 1854-1867
	2. " 1695-1750	8. " 1867-1907
	3. " 1750-1809	9. " 1907-
	4. Bapts. 1813-1854	10. Mars. 1837-1893
	5. Mars. 1813-1838	11. " 1893-
	6. Burs. 1813-1873	12. Burs. 1874-

Gaps: There are no Baptisms 1809-13; no Marriages 1671-1695 and 1788-1813; no Burials 1667-1693 and 1743-50.

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1564.

No. 1 is a parchment book 15*1/2* in by 7 in., and on the first page is the following inscription:—" The names of such as have been Christened in the Parish of Willesborough for the yeare of our Lorde 1538, and so forward as followeth."

Also on the fly-leaf of this Register is pasted a sheet of paper with the register of Christenings, Marriages and Burials between Lady day 1671 and Lady day 1672.

There are three Volumes of Banns Book, from 1858.

Registers kept at the Church.

B. 1. *Churchwardens' Accounts* :—2 vols. (1) 1829–1882, (2) 1882, to present day.
 6. *Vestry Minute Books* :—2 Vols., (1) 1825–1903; (2) 1904 to present time.
 7. *Inventory of Church Goods*, one, in the churchwardens' book.
 9. *Tithe Map*, in the custody of the Rector.
 11. *Faculty*, Two, for memorial window (Rev. J. F. Dixon) 1903 and for Conveyance of private Chapel (Warton's) as an addition to the parish church.
 13. *Parish Charities* :—Exchange of Ladd's Charity Land.

Other records are probably in the hands of the Clerk to the Parish Council.

WINGHAM, St. Mary the Virgin.

A.	1. Mixed 1568–1712	8. Mars. 1813–1836
	2. " 1712–1777	9. Burs. 1813–1856
	3. " 1778–1812	10. Burs. 1856–1901
	4. Burs. 1680–1707	11. Burs. 1901–
	5. Mars. 1755–1812	12. Bapts. 1867–
	6. Bapts. 1813–1837	13. Mars. 1837–
	7. " 1837–1867	

Transcripts in the Diocesan Registry begin 1571.

Entries between 1644 and 1660 are slightly under the average, they were made by the same " minister " who signed from 1618 and on to 1672.

Registers kept in a safe in the Vestry.

B. 1. *Churchwardens' Account Books* :—(1) 1720–1801, (2) 1801–1861. There are many little books after the style of one called " Wingham Parish Account book " dealing with weaving, spinning, surveys, valuation, etc.
 2. *Overseers' Account Books* :—5 vols., (1) 1750–1774, Wingham Poor Book (2) 1774–1798, Wingham Poor Book (3) 1799–1819, Wingham Poor Book (4) 1819–1837, (5) Rate books from 1821 to 1870, and many others relating to collection and receipts.
 3. *Waywardens' Account Books* :—3 vols., (a) Surveyors 1739–1802, (b) Highway 1801–1875, (c) Overseers and Highway 1705–1750.
 6. *Vestry Minute Books* :—2 Vols. (1) 1832–1866, (2) 1866—still in use. Also others relating to assessment, relief of poor, improvements in church, etc.
 7. *Inventories*, one made Easter, 1812.
 10. *Deeds, etc.*, altered apportionment, deeds relating to schools, tithe redemption, canon's house, perpetual curacy, new Vicarage, Rushbeechers' charity, etc., kept in safe in Vestry. Other Records are kept in a chest in the church; at the Vicarage or at the Churchwardens' house.

WITTERSHAM, St. John the Baptist.

A.	1. Mixed 1550-1669	8. Mars. 1794-1812
	2. „ 1669-1737	9. „ 1813-1837
	3. „ 1738-1780	10. Burs. 1813-1860
	4. Bapts. 1781-1812	11. Mars. 1838-
	5. Mars. 1754-1794	12. Bapts. 1868-
	6. Bapts. 1813-1839	13. Burs. 1860-1898
	7. „ 1839-1868	14. Burials in Woollen 1678-1756 (affidavits).

Transcripts in the Diocesan Registry begin 1570.

No. 1 is a parchment book $17\frac{1}{2}$ in. by 6 in., bound in vellum, with the following inscription on the first page:—"The Register Booke of Chrystenings, Marriages and Buryalls begynning the 15th day of April 1550 and in the first year of the Reygne of our Sovreign Lord Kynge Edward the Sixth." The name of the Parish "Wytersham" is placed opposite.

There is a note of Thomas Bradock, rector, that "Chrystenings, Buryals, and Marriages" in this Book from 1st Eliz. 1558 to 1598 were copied out of the old Register Book.

Lists of Rectors are contained in this Register with some particulars as to their appointments, titles, etc., they include Bishop Tennison and Bishop Porteus.

No. 14 consists of affidavits as to those "buried in woollen," and "brought to the Minister within the time limited by Act of Parliament." This covers the years 1678 to 1756.

William Tufton was fined £5 (levied on his goods) for failing to bring an affidavit.

The Registers are kept in the Church, several require repair.

B.	2. Overseers' Accounts from 1874.
	6. Vestry Minute Book: one (modern).
	9. Tithe Map, in the custody of the Rector.
	11. Faculty, one, for erection of Lych-Gate, N.D.

Class B kept in the Church.

WOODCHURCH, All Saints.

A.	1. Mixed 1538-1662	8. Bapts. 1813-1851
	2. „ 1585-1598	9. Burs. 1813-1882
	3. „ 1662-1674	10. Mars. 1813-1837
	4. „ 1675-1812	11. Burs. 1882-
	5. Mars. 1754-1793	12. Bapts. 1852-
	6. „ 1793-1812	13. Mars. 1837-1901
	7. Bapts. 1797-1812	14. „ 1901-

Transcripts in the Diocesan Registry begin 1565.

An Index to the Registers was made by the Rev. Francis Ballard Wells, rector 1841–, who also had them rebound.

No. 1 is a parchment book bound in vellum, dating from the earliest period, and has been rebound, and considering its age is in excellent condition, the writing for the most part is very good and clear.

No. 2 is a paper book bound in vellum, and appears to contain the original entries between 1585 and 1598.

At the end of the entries there is “a Solemn Profession and resolution of the inhabitants of Woodchurch, in order to the receiving of the Lord’s Supper according to his Majesty’s declaration concerning ecclesiastical affairs.” Witnessed by certain persons whose names are subscribed.

Then follows a Profession of Assent in form of the Apostles Creed, and a Profession of consent in form of a resolution and appeal to God. It is signed by Stephen Mun, minister, Anne Mun, and by others. There is no date given but probably it was about 1660.

Also the record of a collection made for the poor visited with the plague in 1665.

At the other end of this Register, is a list of Briefs 1662–1728.

Registers kept at the Church.

B.

1. *Churchwardens’ Accounts* :—‘ Church Book ’ 1774.
2. *Overseers’ Books* : Rate Books from 1698–1868. Poor Books 4 vols., 1680, 1721, 1731, 1792,
3. *Waywardens’ Books* : 1630, 1709 and others.
6. *Vestry Minute Books* : 2 vols. 1828 and 1845. Vestry Orders 1713 and 1835.
7. *Inventories* : Of Church Plate and Books (modern).
9. *Maps* : Tithe Map in the custody of the Rector.
11. *Faculties* : one for stained glass window 1903.
10. *Deeds* : Lease of Messuage at White Fosse (N.D.) And 1771.
13. *Records of Parochial Charities* : Assignment of 20s. yearly to the Poor, 1669. Papers relating to the following Charities: Richd. Browne’s, 1568, Phoebe Goble’s, 1692, Thos. Fullager’s, 1808, and Clara E. Smeeth’s, 1894. Annuity Book of Charities for the Poor.

Class B kept in a wooden chest in the Parvise over the Church porch.

WOODNESBOROUGH, St. Mary.

A.

1. Mixed	1561–1702	6. Bapts.	1874–
2. „	1702–1812	7. Mars.	1813–1836
3. Mars.	1754–1812	8. „	1836 and duplicate
4. Bapts.	1813–1844	9. Burs.	1813–1863
5. „	1844–1874	10. „	1863–

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1563.

The Registers are in good condition and are kept in an iron box at the Vicarage. The entries 1644-1660 are much below the average.

B. *Churchwardens's Account* } said to be in a Chest in the Church,
Overseers' Accounts } but no particulars given.
 2 Vols., *Vestry Minutes* (1) 1819-1870 (2) 1870.
Tithe Map. (No information).

These records are in the Vicar's custody.

WOOTTON, St. Martin.

A. 1. Mixed 1546-1734 5. Bapts. 1813-
 2. , 1734-1811 6. Mars. 1814-1838
 3. Mars. 1754-1812 7. Burs. 1814-
 4. Bapts. 1794-1812 8. Mars. 1837-

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1560.

Gaps: No Baptisms 1653-7.

Register No. 1 is a parchment book the entries between 1546 and 1598 being transcripts from an earlier Register. These transcripts are prefixed by an index having the following title: "Kalerder in the beginning thereof made Alphabett wise whearin is written the sirname and name of every person so wedded Christened and buried, the nomber they are of and the leafe wheare yo shall fynde them as in the saide Kalender may appear Anno Dni 1598."

There are several entries relating to the Coppin family, ending in 1722 with "Mrs. Susanna Currett the last of the Coppins."

In Register No. 2 there is a list of Rectors between 1546 and 1780, and of Clerks from 1685 to the present time. There are several entries relating to the family of Brydges. Edward Tymewell Brydges baptized 1749 signs the Baptismal register (apparently as Rector) in 1772, when he could not have been more than 23 years of age. He was afterwards a claimant for the Barony of Chandos, and Rector of Otterden.

The Registers are kept at the Church in the statutable iron box.

B. 1. *Churchwardens' Accounts*, (1) 1590-1598 (unbound). (2) 1601-1618. (3) 1769-1849 (Church Rate book).
 2. *Overseers' Accounts*, 1809-1835.
 3. *Waywardens' Accounts*, 2 Vols., (1) 1812-1833. (2) 1833-1837.
 6. *Vestry Minute Books*, 3 Vols., (1) 1842-1854. (2) 1864-1911. (3) 1912.

The Rector of the Parish reports that the Tithe Map and deed of apportionment have been missing since 1906.

Nos. 1, 2, and 3 are kept at the Church, the rest at the rectory.

WORMSHILL, St. Giles.

A.	1. Mixed 1700-1754	4. Mars. 1838-
	2. Mars. 1754-1812	5. Burs. 1838-
	3. , 1813-1838	6. Bapts. 1813-

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1564.

In the Parliamentary return of 1813 the earliest Register of this parish is said to date from 1537 (*sic*) and to be so much "defaced by vermin that it can be considered only as the fragment of a Register."

No. 1 Contains a list of Rectors of the Parish from 1403 to the present time.

Registers kept at the Rectory.

B.	1. <i>Churchwardens' Accounts</i> , 1 Vol. 1766-1823.
	2. <i>Overseers' Accounts</i> , 1831-6.
	5. <i>Briefs</i> , one Vol. 1713-20.
	6. <i>Vestry Minute Books</i> : One Vol. 1862 (onwards).
	8. <i>Terriers of Church Lands</i> : One (date not given).
	9. <i>Maps</i> : Tithe Map in custody of Rector.

Class B kept at the Rectory.

WORTH, SS. Peter and Paul.

A.	1. Mixed 1720-1812	5. Mars. 1813-1836
	2. Mars. 1754-1815	6. Bapts. 1874-
	3. Bapts. 1813-1874	7. Mars. 1838 and Duplicate.
	4. Burs. 1813-1908	8. Burs. 1908-

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1564.

The Registers are in good condition and are kept in an iron safe at the Vicarage.

B.	1. <i>Churchwardens' Accounts</i> , from 1815.
	2 Vols., of <i>Vestry Minutes</i> (1) 1840-1877. (2) 1877 onwards.
	<i>Modern Inventory and Terrier</i> .
	<i>Tithe Map</i> (no information).

Class B in the Vicar's keeping.

WYCHLING, St. Margaret.

A.	1. Mixed 1577-1715	4. Mars. 1814-1836
	2. , 1716-1813 ✓	5. , 1837- <i>1949</i> ✓
	3. Bapts. 1813- ✓	6. Burs. 1815- ✓

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1564.

Gaps: No Marriages 1788-1813.

No. 1 is a parchment book 13*1*/₂ in. by 6 in., and contains mixed Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials 1577 to 1666; then Baptisms 1667 to 1716; Marriages 1667 to 1697; Burials 1667 to 1715; Marriages 1698 to 1715. At first the entries are in Latin, then English 1632-47; and then Latin again.

There is a note of the induction of Thomas Conway, rector, in 1656. At the end of the volume there is one page of Briefs 1660-71. Also a certificate of the "reading in" of Thomas Nicholson, 1711. Notes of money received by the churchwardens in 1621 and 1632; A memorandum dated 1671 as to a division of Tithe on Fendon Wood, between the rectors of Wychling and Milstead.

No. 2 is a parchment book, 11*1*/₂ in., by 5*1*/₂ in., and contains— Marriages 1716 to 1788, Baptisms 1716 to 1793, and 1806 to 1812; Burials 1717 to 1813, and Baptisms 1794 to 1806. There are no Marriages 1788 to 1813. This Register has a detailed account of Beating the Bounds in 1763.

Registers kept at the vicarage.

B. 1. *Churchwardens' Accounts*: 1696 to 1746.
 8. *Terrier of church Lands*, one (date not given).
 9. *Tithe Map*, in the custody of the Rector's Agents Messrs. Jackson, Sittingbourne.

Class B kept at Dodington Vicarage.

WYE, St. Gregory and St. Martin.

1. Mixed	1538-1602	10. Bapts.	1813-1845
2. ,	1603-1727	11. Mars.	1837-1891
3. Burs.	1678-1814	12. Bapts.	1862-1879
4. Mixed	1727-1779	13. ,	1880-1912
5. Mars.	1754-1805	14. Burs.	1866-1901
6. Mixed	1779-1812	15. Bapts.	1880-1912
7. Mars.	1805-1812	16. Mars.	1891-
8. Burs.	1813-1866	17. Burs.	1901-
9. Mars.	1813-1836	18. Bapts.	1912-

Banns Books from 1754.

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1566.

No. 1 is the original paper book.

No. 2 contains Baptisms 1603 to 1727; Marriages 1603 to 1671; and Burials 1603 to 1730.

No. 3 is the "Woollen" Register.

No. 4 contains Baptisms 1727 to 1779; Marriages 1730 to 1761; and Burials 1730 to 1778.

No. 6 Baptisms and Burials 1779 to 1812.

Registers kept in the Church.

B. 1. *Churchwardens' Accounts* : 3 Vols., (1) 1663 to 1693 ; (2) 1768-86 ; (3) 1789-1819.
 2. *Overseers' Books*, 1 Vol. 1765.
Poor Rate Books : 1846 to 1897.
Wye Certificate Book : 1762 to 1789.
Ten Poor Books, 1515 to 1817 ; also some leaves 1475.
 6. *Vestry Minute Books*, 2 Vols., 1724 ; 1785 to 1851.
 9. *Tithe Map*, in the custody of the Vicar. Map of Whitehouse Charity Land 1762. Map of Chambers Wall Charity Land. 1734. Map of Wye Roads, 1793.
 10. *Deeds*. Documents relating to Cole's Charity 1721 ; and Finch's Charity 1773. Will of Carteridge, dated 7th May 1639.
 Two deeds with seals, dated 1671 and 1673, signed by Stephen Cobb. Indentures of various dates. Lease dated 1721 relating to Cole's Charity.
 Copy of the Statutes of Wye College in Latin, made by Johnson Towers, curate of Wye and Master of the Grammar School, in 1738, from the original at Merton College, Oxford.
 Various Law Bills about 1700.
 Accounts of Church Bells and Tower Fund, 1895-7.

Class B. Some of the records are in the custody of the Vicar, others are in the keeping of the Clerk to the Parish Council.

WYMYNSWOLD, St. Margaret.

A.	1. Mixed	1574-1735	4. Bapts.	1813-
	2. ,	1736-1812	5. Burs.	1813-
	3. Mars.	1754-1837	6. Mars.	1837-

Transcripts in Diocesan Registry begin 1577.

No. 1 is a parchment book, it was rebound in 1814 at which time two leaves were missing, *viz.*, Folios 22 and 25.

The Register of Baptisms till 1813, Marriages to 1837 and Burials to 1813 have been transcribed and printed by the Rev. C. H. Wilkie.

Register kept in the Church.

B. 1. *Churchwardens' Accounts* : One Vol. 1887.
6. *Vestry Minure Books*. One Volume 1831-1911.
7. *Inventory of Church Goods* } one (dates not given).
8. *Terrier*
9. *Maps*. No Tithe Map.

Class B kept in a Safe at the Vicarage.

APPENDIX.

APPENDIX.**CANTERBURY, St. Alphego.***Extracts from the Registers.*

1559. Thomas Boulton a singing man from Christ Church. burd.

1562. Mr. Nicholas Lovelace in the Church behind his sister Margaret before ye Queere dore. burd.

1564. [Nine persons died of plague].

1569. Mr. Powell of Christ Church in the sentery (cemetry).

1577. April 1. Sergeant Lovelas died the xxiii day of March last past in London, (burd.) in the bodye of Christ Church in Canterbury.
[This burial is not entered in the Register of the Cathedral].

1616. March 14th. Mr. Samuel Le Shevaleer, minister. burd.

1656. July 16th. James Deering and Katherin Sympson were married by Mr. John Lade, Alderman, and one of the Justices of the peace of this city, according to ye act of Marriages.

1656. December 11th. Mrs. Jane Roberts, wife of John Roberts Esqr. died 23 November, and was buried the 11 of December in the South Chancel under the great ston with the bras that is under the raills joyning to his ...pue.

1657. Moses Hasted and Mary Goslin both of the parish of St. Petters have been published 3 several market days, May 30, June 3 and 10.
[Grandparents of Edward Hasted, the historian of Kent. They were married at St. Peter's Church].

1660. February 13th. Mr. Richard Pickis, minister of St. Alphags was buried in the chancel under the Communion table.

1660. April 22nd. Mr. Gee was buried in the South Chancel going up to the Mayor's seat.

CANTERBURY, St. George.*Extracts from the Parish Registers.*

1546 July 9. Gulielm Barnes et sepultus est in ecclesia coram imagine S'cti Christopheri.

1547 April 22. Philippa John buried.
[*Somner says that Philippa John was the last prioress of St. Sepulchre's, Canterbury.]

1551 May 3. Agnes Winter filia Joh'is Winter (*and four others*) hi
quinque obierunt uno die dominico in tempore plage
sudoris.

1554 April 17. Stephan, son of Cornelys Gooson baptised.
*[Author of *The School of Abuse, The Ephemerides of Phialo. Players confuted etc.*, d. 1624].

1561 May 22. John Marlowe and Catherine Arthur married.

1564 Feb. 26. Christofer, s. of John Marlow, baptised.
*[The Poet and Dramatist see D.N.B.]

1604 Jan. 26. John Marloe, Clark of St. Maries, buried.

1712 Sept. 13. A poor woman that came a hoppin, buried.

1719 Aug. 23. Sir Peter Gleane, Bart., was buried in the Chancel,
who hanged himself August 21st, but brought off
by the Jury as *Non Compos Mantis*, and so had
Christian buriall.

CANTERBURY, St. Stephen's.

(alias Hackington).

Extracts from the Parish Registers.

1579. Mr. John Lewson gen' and Margaret Manwood gen' of this parish
maryed the xxviiith daye of Aprill.

1582. Roger Manwood gen' and Margaret Hales gen' of the parish of
Reculver were maryed the fourth of October.

1584. John Smyth and Katherine Manwood were maryed xxvii daye
of September.

1585. Mrs. Margaret Lewson gen' was buried the vth daye of October.

1587. Peter Manwood gen' and Frances Hart Gen' weare maryed the
x daye of January.

1592. Soloman Cauthopp the son of Paule was baptized xxviiith daye
of March.

1592. Roger Manwood the son of Peter Manwood esquire was baptized
the xxixth daye of August presently after 4 of the clocke in
the afternoone was borne the same morning about ye same
tyme.

1592. Thomas Manwood the son of Peter Manwood esquire was borne
the xiith day of September and was baptized the xxiiiith
of the same month.

1592 Roger Manwood Knight Lord Chief Baron of the Exchr. was
buried the xvith daye of December.

1593. John Manwood the sonne of Peter Manwood esquire was borne the xiii daye of October and baptizeth the first daye of November.

1594. Richard Cost, Vicar of this parish was buried the xvith daye of October.

1596. Elizabeth Manwood the daughter of Peter Manwood Esquire was borne the xixth daye of Maye and baptizeth the first day of June.

1606. Edward Manwood the sonne of Sr. Peter Manwood, Knight of the Bath, was borne the.....(blank) and baptizeth the xvith day of June. (buried the same year).

1615. Peter Manwood, Gent, was buried the 7th daye of September.

1618. Sir William Barnes, Knight and Mrs. Dorotheie Manwood were married 13th of October 1618.

1653. Sr. John Manwood Knight buried April 2nd 1653.

1622. Mr. Richard Clearke doctor of divinity and Mrs. Alba Marsh were married the 23rd day of May.

1650. Richard Hardres and Margarett Hardres were married May ye 2nd 1650.

1739. Memorand' Mrs. D. L'Angle, executrix to Mrs. Eliz Tisoe* paid to John Bunce, Vicar of Hackington for breaking up the ground in the great chancel 13s. The accustomed fee when the service is read in ye Church at the burial of a Parishioner 6s. 8d. But when the same service is read at the burial of one brought from another parish the usual fee to the Minister is double, *viz.*, 13s. 4d.

[*Mrs. Eliz Tisoe formerly the wife of the Rev. Dr. Merick Head and afterwards of.....Tisoe, Gent, lived several years in this parish to the time of her death. She was the daughter of Robert Dixon, D.D., a Prebendary of Rochester].

1741 July 6th. The Rev. Mr. John Bunce, senr., Rector of Chingford and Pitsey in Essex, was buried in the Great Chancel close by his daughter in Law, Mrs. Frances Bunce. He died of the Small Pox July 4 1741, at Canty, " *Hic me Pater optime fessum desires,*" Virgil.

1755. May 4th. Johanna Barbara Mary, daughter of Lord Ogilvie of Scotland by Margaret Johnstone his wife. (bapd).

1786. Nov. 15th. The Rev. John Bunce, 52 years Vicar of this parish, was buried in the great chancel in the steened grave of his father.

DOVER, St. Mary the Virgin.

Extracts and notes from the Parish Books.

Letter from Kentish Magistrates relating to the appointment of a Minister in 1654.

To our Loving Friends the Parishioners of Maryes in Dover, Gentlemen,

Having received your answer to our advise in the buynesse wch tends to the setting Mr. Barrie in your parrish of Maryes in Dover, and discharging Mr. Rowbotham according to your desires, there seems not soe full answer there untoe by reason of a deficiency of payment of what hath been allotted for that purpose. We do therefore advise that there be a good and friendly agreement amongst yourselves, joyning together in gathering and paying of all arrears due to your Minister and Church for tyme past. That soe the Forty pounds due to Mr. Rowbotham uppon your agreement may be paid him, and that for tyme to come, you would improve your priviledges in paying your ministers by your ordinary way of sessing yourselves, wch we seriously counsell you to doe, as being in our judgment a good way to incourage the Godly Minister you now petition for, to continue your priviledge unquestioned, as also to gain a good repute amongst your friends here, and prevent complaints of this nature, wch if any such should be, will earne effectual remedy, and such cause will be taken that men shall not be left loose to doe or pay what and when they please to your respective Godly Ministers. Thus hopeing you will weigh this our Friendly Counsell,

We rest yor. Loving Friends,

Tho. Kelsey, Aug. G. Ryman, Hen. Oxenden, John Boys,
Lambarde Godfrey.

Copy of Commission for seating Parishioners in St. Mary's Church, 2nd May 1639, from Nathannel Brent, Knight, Doctor of Law, and Commissary Generall of the City and Diocese of Canterbury, to Mr. John Reading, Clerk, Mr. Thomas Day Esq., Maior of the said towne and Port, the Churchwardens, Jurates, and inhabitants, Greeting, Forasmuch as there hath been lately a petition made unto me on behalf of yourselves and the rest of the said parish that I would grant unto you a comission to place and dispose of every parishioner respectively of yor said parish in the seates of yor Church according to their severall conditions, qualities and estates as to yor wisdoms shall seeme best. I therefore being willing and desireous to satisfy yor honest and reasonable petition in that behalfe for the ordering of yor said Church, and to the end that every parishioner there may be provided of a convenient seate wherein to sitt to heare Divine service and Sermons. And for the preventing and taking away of all strife and contentions wch in time to come may happen to arise touching the said seat, and much relying upon yor. providence and discretions do by these presents, grant unto you, and the Maior pt. of you (so much as in me lieth), full power and authority in the seats of yor said Church according to their severall qualities, conditions, and estates, respectively to place and dispose of the parishioners of the said parish and every of them.....

Then I do hereby intimate to all men to whom it may appertain, that whatsoever you or the greater number of you shall do according to the true meaning of this my comission concerning the premisses I do hereby to the utmost of my power for ever ratify and confirm the same.

In witness whereof I have hereon to sett the seal of mine office this second of May, Anno Domini one thousand six hundred thirty nine.

Benianin Holford and Richard Cobbe, Registers.

Notes from Vestry Minutes.

May 13. 1660 A Committee appointed to examine the Parish Register books, with power to insert those names that had been omitted.

Aug. 26. 1660 A Committee appointed to arrange with the Minister, Mr. Nath : Berry, at what times, and in what manner, he should administer the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, and catechize the children.

Sept. 11. 1662 An order made for the payment of £16 11s. 0d. to Mrs. Richards, widow of a former Churchwarden, for redeeming the Church Plate.

1698 Mr. John Lodwick having neglected his duties as Minister to be dismissed, and a new minister elected.

Nov. 20. 1698 A letter received from Mr. Lodwick stating the reason of his inability to perform his duty. Agreed that he shall receive £40 a year and Mr. John Mackqueen to assist £40 a year also upon the understanding that he is to succeed when a vacancy occurs. Duties: to preach the sermons every Sunday, and to say the Prayers on Sundays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

May 25. 1729 Agreed that Mr. Mackqueen the minister shall receive £50 a year, and that Mr. Wm. Nairn be appointed Assistant at £30. Mr. Nairn was present and voluntarily desired to pay Mr. Mackqueen £10 out of his £30.

July 13. 1729 The Vestry will not allow Mr. Nairn to pay £10 yearly to Mr. Mackqueen, but resolve that Mr. Mackqueen shall receive £60 and Mr. Nairn £30 per Annum.

Dec. 25. 1729 Mr. Mackqueen refuses to comply with the appointment of a Curate or Assistant Minister, the Vestry resolve that it shortly displace Mr. John Mackqueen and elect some other fit and proper person.

Jan. 4. 1730 Three separate Vestry Meetings, by which Mr. Mackqueen is dismissed; the Churchwardens indemnified against any suit at law, and Mr. Wm. Nairn appointed Minister.

1771 Paid for cleaning the Church after the Mayor's choice and the Visitation £1. [These Meetings as well as the election of Members of Parliament were then held in the Church].

1774 The Vestry present a petition to the Archbishop asking his assistance in the passing of an Act of Parliament to have the election for Mayors and Representatives in Parliament removed to the Town Hall. This was moved in the House of Commons 20 February, but lost.

HAWKHURST.

An Inventory of Books and Documents, compiled by Mr. Leland Duncan, F.S.A.

The following is an Inventory of the records in Class B. The documents are all in excellent order and preservation, (save that one or two need rebinding), and with the exception of the oldest books are arranged on shelves in a press in the room over the South Porch, which is quite dry and humanly speaking safe from fire:—

A. Churchwardens' Accounts.

- i. 1515-1718 (in safe in vestry). A paper book, no loose leaves but no covers. The whole of the early entries and a few of those from 1600 were printed in 1863 in Vol. V. of *Archaeologia Cantiana*.
- ii. 1755-1792
- iii. 1793-1817
- iv. 1819-1840
- v. 1841-1862
- vi. 1863-1894

B. Overseers' Account Books.

Poor Relief.

- i. 1817-1832 (small square).
- ii. 1833-1840 (do)
- iii. 1823-1827
- iv. 1827-1831
- v. 1831-1834
- vi. 1836-1847

Poor Rates.

- i. 1832-1835
- ii. 1835-1837
- iii. 1836-1837 and from thence onwards (many volumes).

Assessment Books.

- i. 1711-1772 (in paper parcel, requires rebinding).
- ii. 1773-1794
- iii. 1821-1831

Poor House General Account Book.

- i. 1825-1832

Poor House Expenditure.

- i. 1828-1836

Receipt and Payment Books.

- i. 1836-1846
- ii. 1848-1867

Monthly Disbursements of Poor.

- i. 1767-1804
- ii. 1804-1828
- iii. 1828-1836

Poor Account.

- i. 1829-1835
- ii. 1824-1829 This is a ledger showing payments made to each person.

Orders of Removal and Bastardy.

- i. 1821-1836

Copies of Letters.

- i. 1839-1866

Persons applying to be excused Rates.

- i. 1837-1849

C. Surveyor of Highways. 4 Vols. (a) 1766-1802, (b) 1803-1829, (c) 1829-1845, (d) Rates 1839, and several volumes relating to subsequent years.

D. *Vestry Minutes.* 5 vols. (a) 1716-1848.—An interesting book which partly covers the gap in Churchwardens' Accounts 1718-1755. It commences with a list of parish indentures from 1685 copied, apparently, from earlier documents. (b) 1759-1828 called "Memorandum Book," a small quarto containing vestry meetings, Beating Bounds, etc., (c) 1848-1883, (d) 1819-1823, (e) 1824-1832. The two last contain Proceedings of the "Select Vestry."

E. *Miscellaneous.* 1. Hawkhurst Valuation List 1866. 2. Terrier of lands belonging to the parish 1836 (bound). 3. Survey and valuation of Houses and Lands (paper Cover). 4. Saving Bank Minutes 1821-1888. 5. Sacrament Book 1820-1885, giving amounts disbursed to poor persons. 6. Schedule and particulars of deeds and papers belonging to the parish of Hawkhurst,—two copies, paper, folio, marble covers. 7. Minutes of Committee of National Schools, 4 Vols., (a) 1828-1842, (b) 1842-1854, (c) 1856-1876, (d) 1877-1884. 7. "Copie of divers Patents, Grants, and other Deeds touching Wye, Hawkhurst, etc." A small paper quarto, with parchment binding, made 8 Dec., 1589 according to a Note inside the cover. This is in the Safe in the Vestry. It contains transcripts of various Deeds some of which are in the Porch Chamber, others are lost. One, "The treading of the Five Denne's of Hawkhurst" is printed in Vol. V. of *Arch. Cantiana* pp. 79 *et seq.*, and also the index to this volume.

1. c. 1180 A.D. Copy, apparently time of Edward 1st or 2nd, of a grant by Odo Abbot, and the Convent of Battle, to their men of Hawkhurst of their tenements in the Denns of Hawkhurst, etc., in consideration of 15 marks of silver and yearly rent of £10 sterling 25 pullets and 250 eggs.

2. 14 Edward I. Grant from Henry, Abbot, and the Convent of Battle to their tenants of Hawkhurst of all their tenements they held in the Denns of Hawkhurst, Amboldesers, Delmynden, Sessele, Berylth, Festynden, Markdenne, Freschell, Wyneslee, Wynchynden, Chitendenne and Witherynghope. Rent £8, 25 hens and 250 eggs. The two latter commuted for 8/-. With seal of the Abbey.

3. 5 Ric. II. Grant from Wm. Herdynden of Hawkhurst to Dyonisia Hertle formerly wife of Wm. Baker of Cranbrook, of land in Hawkhurst in Denn of Herdole and Hokeregge.

4. 20 Ric. II. Bettingham and another to Festynden. Grant of lands in Hawkhurst. Seal.

5. 20 Ric. II. Release from John de Eldynden to Simon Festynden. Lands called Bakeryshellis.

6. 9 Hen. V. Release from Thos. Glynden, Simon and Robert Glynden sons and heirs of John Glynden of Hawkhurst to Thos. Festynden of the same lands called Rolfestornes in Denne of Herdisle. 14 acres.

7. 9 Hen. VI. Thos. Festynden son and heir of Simon Festynden deceased to John Longhurst, John Robards *re* land called Bakershilles in Hawkurst upon Denne of Herdesle, 21 acres.

8. 18 Hen. VI. John Kynot to John Longhurst and Simon Pegge, of a messuage in Hawkhurst upon Denne of Hertystle.

9. 21 Hen. VI. Henry Hovynden to John Robarts and John Watte, general release.

10. 28 Hen. VI. Letters Patent 7 July, pardon to men of Hawkhurst at request of the Queen, for taking part with John Mortimer.

11. Temp. H. VI. List of Tenants } part of Court Rolls.
Terrier }

12. 12 Edward IV. Grant of six parcels of land called Hakeregge in Hawkhurst upon Denn of Hokeregge in pursuance of will of John Watte.

13. 14 Edw. IV. Sir John Gildeford, etc., to Catherine wife of Thomas Tolherste. Lands in Hawkhurst.

14. 15 Edw. IV. Gift by Richard Leghe and Elizabeth his wife of £3 13s. 4d. to church of Hawkhurst. English.

15. 18 Edw. IV. Power of attorney from Sir John Gyldeford, &c. to deliver seisin of 24 acres of land called Bakeryshellys in Hawkhurst in Denne of Herdysle. 3 seals.

16. 18 Edw. IV. Indenture by John Gyldeford, Kt. reciting that John Watte of Hawkhurst gave to John Roberts of Cranbrook and others lands called Bakeryshellys, same conveyed to feoffees to find a lamp before the high altar.

17. 19 Edw. IV. Lease from John Valens, John Heansell, John Mercer son of Thos. Mercer &c. to John Jenkyn of Hawkhurst of lands called Baker-shillys, 24 acres.

18. 22 Edw. IV. Declaration of feoffment by Henry Parson of Harrow on the Hill and his son of land near Hawkhurst Church.

19. 1482. Henry Parson of Harrow on the Hill and William his son enfeoff certain persons of a piece of land near the church and the common pasture called the More, for an obit for Gilbert Hert, Alice his wife and Amyce Welles. Witnesses, John Valance, Thomas Coughurst, John Heynsyll, John Mercer, John Robert, John Hertknoppe, Thomas Forde, Thos. Whatman, Thos. at Myll, John Jenkyn, Edmund Stonden, and Lawrence Bourn. English. M Box No. 1 in Safe.

20. 20 Hen. VI. John Mercer son of Thos. Mercer the elder and others release to certain persons land called Bakeryshellys for support of a lamp.

21. 2 & 3 Ph. & Mary. Grant by Dean and Chapter of Christ Church, Oxford of £8 annuity for churchwardens and Vicar of Hawkhurst. In Box No. 2 in safe.

22. Temp. Eliz. Draft answer of Edmond Roberts to bill of Richard Baker claiming the waste and trees of the Moor in right of manor of Moorhouse (Hawkhurst).

23. Temp. Eliz. Replication of Richard Baker.

24. Temp. Eliz. Rejoinder of Edmond Roberts and others.

25. 10 Elizabeth. Exemplification of decree in cause Baker v. Roberts *re* right of Common in Cranbrook and Hawkurst *i.e.* The More, Sycotes Nothe, Delmynden, Gesthode, Hyghgate, Nether Wilseley, Goddardes Grene alias Frecheley. Defendants to have right on payment of £26 13s. 4d. (English with great seal). In Box No. 3 in Safe.

26. 10 Eliz. Release from Richard Baker Esq. to Edmond Roberts and others of the waste in Hawkurst. (In Box No. 4 in Safe).

27. 1566.
1616. { Copy of the Will of Thomas Eddenden.
Exemplification of Probate of Will of Thomas Edynden. (In Box No. 8 in Safe).

28. 15 Eliz. Grant from Thomas Gybon of Hawkurst, taylor, in consideration of £36 paid by Edmund Woodgate one of the Churchwardens of an annuity of £2 3s. 4d. chargeable on a tenement in Hawkurst in the denne of Amboldesherste of 7 acres.

29. Temp. Eliz. Bill of costs as to cause of Gybon, v. Wild-gosse.

30. 27 Eliz. Bond of Wm. Evernden for payment of legacies under the Will of Thomas Edenden. Annuity of £3 6s. 8d. to parish of Hawkurst. (In Box No. 7 in Safe).

31. 27 Eliz. Grant of annuity of £3 6s. 8d. by Wm. Evernden. Certificates from Registers of Dallington, Etchyngham and Hawkurst as to family of Edenden. (In Boxes 6 and 9 in Safe).

32. 15 Eliz. Bond of Thos. Gybon of title to tenement in Hawkurst, in denne of Ambolderrste of 7 acres charged with an annuity of £2 3s. 4d. to Samuel Boys &c.

33. 5 Jas. I. Exemplification of Record as to Tithes of Hawkhurst.

34. 14 Jas. I. Commission to enquire of lands, &c. given to charitable uses.

35. 14 Jas. I. Inquisition respecting Thos. Edenden's Charity.

36. 1617. Copy of decree under the Commission.

37. 1617. Agreement between parishioners, and George Courthope.

38. 1617. Bond of Samuel Boys and others, to Geo. Courthope for payment of £125 in trust for Mary and Elizabeth Evernden.

39. 1618. Acquittance by G. Courthope.

40. 31 Dec. 1718. Resolution as to settling the Pews, &c. the Church having been new pewed.

41. 6 June 1719. Case and opinion as to right of Churchwardens to settle pews.

42. 1719. Faculty from Commissary General of Archbishop for appropriating of pews in Hawkurst Church.

43. 1631. Decree of Archbishop regarding Church repairs Parchment, (In the Safe).

Note. These Deeds and Papers, except those noted as in Boxes, in the Safe, are in a bundle in the press in the porch chamber. (Box No. 9 in the Safe).

HERNE.

Accounts of the Wardens, 1339-1340.

These Accounts, which are written in Latin, upon parchment Rolls are the earliest Churchwardens' Accounts that have been discovered in the County of Kent. A full translation of their contents is given below.

The Account of Soloman de Northwode, Richard de Yunge, James de Colnwode, and John atte Welle, wardens of the lights and fabric of the Church of Herne, from the feast of St. Michael in the thirteenth year of Edward the third from the conquest to the same feast next ensuing in the fourteenth year.

Balance [arreragia] from the last account 8li. 10s. 1½d.

Rents of Assize. They answer for 23s. 4½d., and for 8d. for 2 bushels of palm barley received as rent, sold. Total 24s. 0½d.

Sale of Stock.	They answer for 24s. received for 12 sheep sold ; and for 3d. for 3 sheep skins sold ; and for 6d. for 6 ewe skins sold ; and for 14d. for 12 lamb skins sold ; and for 22 quarters of wool sold.— price by the quarter 11d. ; and for 12s. for 1 ox sold ; and for 20s. for 1 cow sold, Total 67s. 1d.
Money-receipts (<i>recepta denar'</i>)	They answer for 2d. received from the executors of the wife of Thomas Franceys for the waste of wax ; and for 4d. from the executors of John de Hamton for the same ; and for 4d. from the executors of the wife of Richard Willis for the same ; and for 4d. from the executors of John Milde for the same, and for 12d. for the loan of a leaden weight (<i>plumbo</i>).
Receipts for the Paschal Taper.	They answer for 2s. 1½d. received of the borough of Hage ; and for 2s. received of the borough of Strode ; and for 2s. of the borough of Thornden ; and for 20d. of the borough of Beltynge. Total 8s. 9½d.
The letting of Cows	They answer for 8s. 8d. for the farm of 4 cows, at 2s. 2d. per head. and for 4s. for another 2 cows ; and for 2s. 4d. for other two cows, and for no more because these two were barren this year. Total 15s.
The letting of work-shops.	The same answer for 10s. received for the letting of 5 workshops ; and for 6s. for 2 other workshops ; and for 16d. for 1 other workshop ; and for 12d. for the house of Thomas Wilde. Total 29s. 4d.
Total of the receipts	7li 6s. 4½d.
Total of the receipts (<i>including balance at beginning of the year</i>).	15li 16s. 6½d.
Expenses.	<p>The same account for 60 lbs. of wax got ready against the Lord's Nativity.</p> <p>For the expenses of one of the Wardens and of two other men who assisted on that day 4½d.</p> <p>For 20 lb. of wax against Easter 11s. 3d. price per lb., 6½d.</p> <p>For the expenses of one Warden when buying the wax, and for the carriage of the same 3d.</p> <p>For preparing the said wax, together with 8lb. of rent-wax, and 42 lbs. of our own wax against Easter 17½d.</p> <p>For the expenses of one of the Wardens for two days, and of two others who assisted while the wax was in making 8½d.</p> <p>For 1 gallon and 1 quart of oil bought against the Lord's Nativity, with the carriage of the same 20½d.</p> <p>For 1 gallon and 1 quart of oil bought against Easter 16d. For carriage ½d.</p>

For straw bought against the feast of St. Martin 6½d.
 For 2 ropes bought for the bells 7½d.
 For 2 hinges and 2 screws 2d.
 For mending one brass *stopp* 6d.
 For the carriage of straw from Forde to the Church against the Lord's Nativity 4d.
 For 1 carpenter hired to make 1 *swepe* for the bell, and for mending one workshop, for 2 days 8d.
 For 2 carpenters hired to make a support for the Church porch 3s. 1d.
 For the making of the walls of the said porch 46s. 8d.
 For three loads of slack lime bought, 8½d.
 For carriage of the said lime from Serre to the church 10d.
 For 12 loads of lime not slacked bought at Serre 5s. 8d.
 For carriage of the said lime on four occasions. 3s. 4d.
 For the wage of Walter Mirie going to Serre and buying the said chalk at various times 6d.
 Also for collecting 3 cartloads of sand 1½d.
 For carriage of the same on three occasions 8d.
 For nails bought for the said porch 1d.
 For rods and woles bought for the same 1d.
 For the carriage of straw from the Berton against Easter.
 Also given to parishioners going to Canterbury and carrying *lanc'* (? *banners*) on the Tuesday within the feast of Pentecost 12d.
 Also given to Thomas Nicholi for making (*clean* ?) the monuments of the church 12d.
 For one iron staple (*vinculo*) for the bell with nails 4d.
 For rushes bought against the Nativity of St. John 2s. 10d.
 For the pasture 87 sheep, ewes, hogetts, and lambs 14s. 6d., price per head 2d.
 For blessed bread 6s. 6d.
 For the Clerk's stipend 2s. Total 111s. 4½d.
 And so they owe 10li 5s. 2d.

On the dorse of the roll is the following inventory of stock.

Wax.	The same answer for 8 lb. of rent-wax.
Cows.	They answer for 11 Cows left from last year, 1 Cow was sold, so 10 are left.
Sheep.	They answer for 42 sheep left over from the last account, and for 1 of the legacy of Thomas Hardi and 2 of the legacy of the wife of Richard Willis. Total 44 (<i>sic</i>). Of this number 3 died of murrain, 12 were sold, total 15. And so 29 remain.
Ewes.	They answer for 29 ewes left over from the last accounts and for 1 of the legacy of John de Hutton, Total 30. Of this number 6 died of murrain after lambing and shearing. And so 24 are left.

Yearling lambs.	They answer for 7 yearling lambs left over from the last account, and there are still 7, three of which are hogesters and 2 are ewe lambs.
Lambs born during the year.	They answer for 22 lambs dropped during the year and not for more since 2 of the ewes were barren. Out of this number 2 lambs were given for tithe, and 14 died of murrain, so 6 are left.
Wool.	They answer for $24\frac{1}{2}$ quarters of wool received from the shearing of the sheep, $2\frac{1}{2}$ quarters were given for tithe, and so 22 lbs. are left, and this is sold as the account shows.
Fells and Skins.	They answer for 9 fells and skins of sheep and ewes, and 14 fells of lambs that died of murrain. Total 23. And they are sold as the account shows.

[1396-7].

The account of John Pratte and John Belhamme wardens of the goods of the church of Herne, from the feast of St. Michael in the twentieth year of the reign of King Richard the second to the same feast in the following year.

Collected for the Paschal tapers.	First, the same account for 13s. 6d. remaining in their hands from the last account. Also for 30s. 3d. received, and for 15 bushels of barley sold for 8d. Also for 5s. received for the workshop of Thomas Skynnere ; and for 4s. received for the workshop of Alexander Bocher, and for 4s. received of John Behamme ; and for 2s. received of John Goffe ; also for 4s. received of John Wyburgh ; and for 2s. received for the letting of one cow. Total 26s. Also they account for $1\frac{1}{2}$ lb. of wax received from the heirs of Richard Penyale, price 9d. and for 2 lb. of wax received from Thomas atte Ware, price 12d. Total 21d.
Receipts for the bell (<i>Knell</i>).	Also they account for 18d. received from the borough of Thorndenne ; and for 18d. received from the borough of Hampton ; and for 16d. received from the borough of Strode ; and for 12d. received from the borough of Beltyng ; and 12d. received from the borough of Hage ; and for 3s. 8d. received for the hire of the wax tapers of the common light. Total 10s. Also they account for 6d. received from the executors of Nicholas Jakeman ; and for 4d. received from the executors of Thomas atte Dore ; and for 2s. received from the executors of Thomas atte Welle ; and for 12d. received for 1 sheep the legacy of Isabel Aldyth ; and for 8s. 10d. collected by the hand of John Aleyn. Total 12s. 8d.
	Also they account for 9s. 8d. from John Yonge for the soul of John Steed ; and for 13s. 4d. from John Pratte for the soul of William Hawtyng ;

also for 6s. 8d. from Richard Lorkyn for the soul of Alice who was the wife of Soloman Davy. Total 29s. 8d. Sum total of the Receipts 6li 7s. 10d.

Expenses.

First, they account for straw carried (*to the Church*) at the feast of Easter;
 And for 40s. 1d. paid for 74 lbs. of wax bought for the same feast, price per lb. 6½d.
 And for 5s. for making of the same wax.
 And for 12d. paid to John Wiburgh for making the great Paschal taper and the fontal and other tapers.
 And for 3d. for towels and *vestments* ? (*flam'*) washed for the same feast.
 And for 5s. 2d. for rushes bought, and for carriage of the same at the feast of Pentecost.
 Also for 3s. paid to John Fraunceys for *saghyng* (*sawing*) of bordis.
 And for 17d. for one gallon of oil.
 And for 7d. paid for a horse-hide bought for the bell.
 And for 12d. for 36 cloves of lead bought, price per clove 4d.
 And for 7s. 8d. for 23 cloves of lead bought of Thomas Hardy.
 And for 5d. for 8 lb. of lead bought of Joan Burwell.
 And for 2d. for *sowdowr* (*solder*) bought of John Ford.
 And for 16d. paid for 4 cloves of lead bought of John Pratte.
 Also for 10d. for *leddelathes* bought.
 And for 10d. paid for *led nails*.
 And for 12d. spent on food for the working plumbers.
 And for 9d. paid to Richard Atte Halle for boards bought.
 And for 6½d. paid to John Fraunceis for *la bloks of iudas*.
 And for 11s. 8d. paid to Robert, the plumber.
 And for 12d. paid for the *saghyng* of 60 *Judas*.
 And for 12d. paid to John Wiburgh for his labour.
 And for 8d. paid to the same John for fuel bought of him.
 Also for 9s. 8d. paid to the executors of John Kneape for what was owing for the bell.
 Also for 9s. 8d. paid to John Yonge for the same debt.
 And for 10s. 1d. paid to John Pratte for the same debt.
 Also for mending the key of the coffer in the Chancel 1d.
 And for 12d. paid to the Clerk for making the accounts.
 The sum total of the expenses is 6li 11s. 10d.
 Or taking into account certain things which have been or will be set off 6li 7s. 6½d. And thus the aforesaid wardens have in hand 4s. 3½d.

[1397-8].

The account of John Prat and John Belham, Wardens of the goods of the Church of Herne, from the feast of St. Michael the Archangel in the twenty-first year of the reign of King Richard the second of England, until the same feast next following.

First they account for 4s. 4½d. received from what was left over from the last account.

Rents of Assize.	Also for 30s. 3d. for Assize-rent. And for 9s. 3½d. received for 15 bushels of barley sold, price per quarter 5s. 6d. Total 39s. 6½d.
Rents (<i>Firmae</i>).	Also for 5s. received for the workshop of Thomas Skynnore. And for 4s. received for the workshop of Alexr. Bocher. And for 4s. received for the workshop of John de Forde. And for 5s. received for the workshop of John Belhamme. And for 2s. received for the workshop of John Goffe ; And for 12d. received for the workshop of Alice Terrye. And for 4s. received from John Wiburgh. Total 25s.
Received for wax.	Also they account for 15d. received for 1 sheep, the legacy of Isabel Aldythe ; and for 14½d. received for 1 sheep, the legacy of the wife of Margery Atte Halle ; and for 12d. received of the legacy of John Hikke ; and for 16d. received for 1 sheep, the legacy of John Michel ; and for 2s. 2d. received for 2 sheep, the legacy of Joan Porte. Total 8s. 3½d.
Collected for the Paschal Taper.	Also they account for 20d. received from the borough of Thorndenne ; and for 22d. received from the borough of Sterde ; and for 16d. received from the borough of Hampton ; and for 11d. received from the borough of Beltyng ; and for 20d. received from the borough of Hage. Total 7s. 5½d.
	Also they account for 2d. for wax tapers let out ; and for 2s. received for an agreement made between Margery Atte Halle and Alice Weald ; and for 14d. received, being the remainder of the money collected for the new <i>pax-bredd</i> ; and for 20d. received from John Michael for the use of the church. Total 5s. 10d.
Received for the Common-Light.	First they account for 8s. collected and received on the feast of Easter ; and for 4d. received from Margery atte Halle ; and for 6d. received for wax-tapers let out to Joan Michel ;

and for 6d. received for wax tapers let out to Magot Cobbe ;
 and for 12d., the legacy of John Boys ;
 and for 2s. 4d. received from Henry Watte for the hire of one cow ;
 and for 6d., the legacy of Joan Michel.
 Total 13s. 2d. Sum total of the receipts 5li 4s. 10½d.

Expenses. First they account for 8d. paid for straw bought against the feast of our Lord's Nativity ;
 also for 16d. paid for a gallon of oil, and for 1d. for the carriage of the same ;
 and for 12d. paid for the making of wax tapers at the feasts of the Lord's Nativity and Easter ;
 and for 10d. for 1 *handweyn* (hand-cart) ;
 and for 7d. paid for *stanchons*, bought for the repair of the workshop of Alexander Bocher ;
 and for 3d. paid to the carpenter for labour there ;
 also 3d. for rods and nails bought 2d. ;
 also for *dobyng* (plastering) 15d. ;
 and for 9s. 5d. for 2 *torches*, bought for the feast of Easter ;
 and for straw for the same feast 6d. ;
 and for 18d. paid for mending the chrismatory ;
 and for 5s. 7½d. for 10 lb. of wax bought at the same feast ;
 and for 8d. paid for wax bought of John Aleyn ;
 and for 3d. paid to Nicholas Nichol for carting mold ;
 and for 5d. paid for rushes bought at the feast of Pentecost with carriage of the same ;
 also for 6s. 8d. paid in part payment for the house of Thomas Springet ;
 also for 2s. paid for blessed bread ;
 also for 1d. paid for 1 *coppse* at the Churchgate ;
 and for 16d. paid for rods and one *hergate*, together with carriage bought of Thomas Blyce for the house of Thomas Springet ;
 and for 10d. paid for one lantern ;
 and for 6d. paid to John Smith for mending the lock of the Church ;
 and for 4s. 2d. paid for 65 faggots bought for repair of the cemetery, together with carriage of the same ;
 also for 1½ *quarrton* of faggots for repair of the house of Springet, price 2s. 6d. ;
 also for 200 stakes, price 16d. ;
 also for 300 bundles of straw, with carriage of the same 3d. ;
 also for repairing the *claper* 10d. ;
 also they account for 16s. 10½d. paid for 30 lb. of wax ;
 and for 5s. for the making of the same wax ;
 also to the clerk for making the account 12d. ;
 and for the expenses of the Wardens 12d.
 Total 3li 16s. 6d.

The sum total of the receipts is 5li 4s. 10½d. So the Wardens have in hand 28s. 4½d.

[1447-1448].

The account of John Percyvale and Thomas Phelyp Wardens of the goods of the Church of Herne from the feast of the Lord's Nativity in the twenty-sixth year of the reign of King Henry the sixth after the Conquest of England to the same feast next ensuing.

First, left over the accounts of the preceding year 1d.

Rent of land, Also received from William Ridor for rent of land houses and barley. 12s.

also from Thomas Baker 4s. 6d. ;
also from Juliana Whyte 12d. ;
also from John Goffe 1d. ;
also for four workshops 1d. ;
also from Joan Chyld 1d. ;
also from William Forde and John Rycarde 9s. 11d. ;
also from Thomas Colbrond 2½d. ;
also from Henry atte Welle 8d. ;
also from John Loykyn 20s. ;
also from Austin Salkyn 4s. ;
also from Robert Halle for the Archbishop's rent 12d. ;
also from Richard Tanner for the rent of land 16d. ;
also from Thomas Baker for a workshop 2s. ;
also from John Tannar 4½d. ;
also from John Lorche 6d. ;
also from Henry Lynche 2d. ;
also from James Hampton for the rent of land 16d. ;
also from William Eastwell 18d. ;
also from Richard Halle for one *hedge* ? (*pro uno sep'*) ;
also from Richard Grenham 12d. ;
also from John Percyvale ½d. ;
also from Robert Yong 1d.
Total 2li 7s. 5½d.

Collected for the Received from all the boroughs for the Paschal Paschal taper and taper 6s. ;
received for waste also received for the light 6d. ;
of the wax of the Also for the light 2d. ;
light. also from the assignees of Alice Maket for the light 8d. ;
Total 22d.

Legacies. Also of the legacy of William Colyn of Byrchynton 6s. 8d. ;
also received for *clapholt* 10d.

Expenses. First we paid at the feast of the Lord's Nativity,
and at the feast of Easter for straw 12d. ;
also for nails ½d. ;
also for the mending of a vestment 1d. ;
also for wax, and for making the same 15s. 7d. ;
also to Richard May for thorns and stakes 20d. ;
also for the mending of the path 2d. ;
also for rushes against Pentecost 5s. 3d. ;
also to Joan Chyld for blessed bread 8s. 8d. ;

also to Richard Tannar for making one hedge 11d. ;
 also to William atte Wer for thorns and stakes 17d. ;
 also to Nicholas Pegyll for the *panne* 11d. ;
 also to the same Nicholas for 2 hokes (?hooks)
 for the workshop of William Ford 1d. ;
 also for the mending of two workshops 4½d. ;
 also for the making of our account 12d. ;
 also in expenses 4d. Total 38s. 2d.

The sum total of the receipts is 3li 2s. 9½d. ; and of the expenses
 38s. 2d., and so a balance is left of 24s. 7½d.

**The accounts of the Warden of the Chantry of St. Mary,
 in Herne Church, 1359.**

A Roll headed : " Computus Stephani Houtyn custodis de bonis
 Cantarie beate Marie de Herne, a festo Michaelis Archangeli anno dni
 Millo CCC mo quinquagesimo nono usque ad idem festum prox'
 sequentem."

The Chantry possessed land called *Hawerlonde*, and *Dullyng*,
 also a house " next to the Church "—and another house was bought
 in 1359 which cost £14. The officiating priest received a salary of
 100s. per an. On the back of the Roll is a valuation of the live and
 dead stock belonging to the Chantry. The total receipts for the year
 —including balance carried over from the previous year, amounted to
 £42 5s. 8d. and the expenses to £20. In 1396 the live and dead
 stock have disappeared, and the receipts amount to only £6 11s. 10d.
 In 1440 the receipts were £12 17s. 6d.

On this Roll there is also a copy of the Will of John son of John
 de Strode of Herne, written in French. The testator charges his
 feoffees to take care that—subject to the life interest of his wife Mault
 and his mother Cecyle—his lands and houses at Cocheheye revert to the
 Chantry and service of " our sweet lady St. Mary of Herne."

The will ends thus :—" Also good people I charge you that you do
 not give up the right of your way from Haghe to Cocheheye which you
 have purchased."

Parchment Deeds in a tin box :—

- (1) Indenture of apprenticeship in husbandry 1633.
- (2) Deed of sale,—Daniel Ruggett of Herne sells to Robert Gaunt
 a parcel of land in Herne situated at a place called Grenehill, 1591.
- (3) Grant in fee-farm from Alice Le Hauck to John son of
 Alexander Eynoth of Haunton (Hampton) of 3 rods of land in
 Herne in the Borough of Hampton, 1323.
- (4) Bond of Richard Browninge of Lynsted, yeoman, to Stephen
 Hulkes of Newnham, yeoman in 200 mares to perform certain
 covenants in a deed of sale of land in Newnham, 27 July 1610.
- (5) Grant from John de Haghe, chaplain, and others to William
 Bibel of 2 acres of land in Herne in a field called.....ges-down (?)
 at a yearly rent of 12d. Dated at Herne, Sunday after the Feast of
 St. Augustine, 27 Edw. iii. (1353).

(6) Power of attorney. Robert Geffrey appoints John Bibille, senior, to deliver seisin to John Young of a piece of land. Herne, 24 July 1390.

(7) Power of attorney. John Maylyn of Newnham, Kent, yeoman; appoints John Hulks and John Upton. 2 September 1641 (Paper).

(8) Churchwardens' Accounts, 1424. Receipts £9 6s. 2d. and expenses £6 3s. 7d. The churchwardens were allowed "for their labour," during two years, 9s. 2½d.

(9) An Inventory of the ornaments in the Chapel of Herne, 1341. In primis ii missalia unde unum de legato dui Henrici quondam vicarii de Herne.

- vi. Gradalia, unde unum debile.
- i. Manuale.
- i. Processionale.
- iii. Antiphonaria.
- vi. Psalteria.
- iii. Legenda de quibus duo debil' et parva.
- i. Parvus liber de Sequentibus de Sca Maria.
- i. Martirilogia.
- i. Ordinale.
- iii. Calices.
- vii. Vestimenta quorum duo principales.
- iii. Tunicula.
- iii. Capae quarum 1 principale.
- iii. Super-altaria.
- vi. Tuellia benedicta.
- x. Manutergia.
- i. Vulum templi.
- vii. Tapeta.
- ii. Incensor'.
- iii. Magna candlebra enea.
- ii. Candilebra parva enea.
- ii. Candilebra ferrea.
- ii. Candilebra de stango (*sic*).

Hec indentura testatur quod inventa sunt ornamenta in Capella de Herne, die dominica post festum beati Petri ad vincula, anno dni Millo ccc mo xli.

(10) Grant in frank almoigne from Roger son of John Clerk to the fabric of the Church of Herne, of a rent charge of 6d a year out of his lands at Tunstall, 1285.

(11) The Will of William Bysmer of Herne made 14 May 1452. He leaves to the churchwardens of Herne and their successors for ever, a rent charge upon all his lands, to be spent as follows:—
 For blessed bread for the use of the Church 4s. 4d. yearly.
 To every chaplain, and parish-clerk, who may present at his exequies and anniversaries 4d.
 For the repair of the high chancel of Herne church 3s. 4d.
 To the fabric of the said church 3s. 4d.
 For Wax 12d. For bread, ale, and cheese 2d. To each churchwarden for his trouble (*pro labore*) 12d. To the Sacrist 6d. The residue to the churchwardens to be devoted to pious uses, at their discretion.

(12) Grant from Henry Goye to Nicholas Nychole, Thomas Skynnere, and John Reed, of all his lands etc. in the town of Herne. Dated at Herne 32 March, 17 Richard ii. (1394).

(13) Grant in frank almoigne, from Margery daughter of Alexander Smith of Edintone, to the Church of Herne of a rent charge of 10d. yearly issuing out of lands in Pretesfilde, to maintain a light over the altar of St. James in the same church. Witness:—Thomas de Chylindene, William de Gervino, John his son, William, son of Reymer, John Alduel, William and Thomas the sons of Robert de Aula, Roger and Edmund his sons, Philip de Northwode, Thomas and Geoffrey de Chelde. 14 Edw. I. (1286).

(14) Grant from John son of Thomas atte Woghelite to William atte Halle, of all his lands in Herne *in tenura de Reculvere*. Witnesses Roger Broke, Solomon Broke, Richard Alexander, Ralf, and Robert Dudyr, John Furmager, junior, Robert Blyce, John atte Halle, senior, Thomas atte Halle, and Robert atte Halle, 1362.

(15) Grant from John Courteyng, senior, and J. C. junior, to John Heylnoth and his heirs etc., of a virgate and half of land in the parish of Herne "in tenura de Reculvere," and in the Borough of Hamton. Witnesses:—John Jodeby, John Cobbe, Alexander Sunne, John Westebrok, John Hamton, and others, 1352.

(16) Demise from Richard Kenyt of the parish of Reculver, and William Salkyn of Herne, to Richard Mylde, of a house and an acre of land in the Borough of Hothe which he held of the gift and feoffement of Hamon de Sandewich. Witnesses:—Robert Kenyt, Thomas Chote, Thomas Hobbe, Henry Kenyt, Henry Fantyng. 1350.

(17) Grant from John de Chelde, junior, to Alexander Red, of a piece of land in a field called Welteshe in the Borough of Strode in the parish of Herne. Witnesses:—Roger atte Broke, Solomon atte Broke, John Godefray, Richard Thundre, John Furmager, capman, Robert Blyce, and Robert Thundre. 1366.

(18) Grant in perpetuity from John Younge church-warden of Herne and others (named) with the consent of all the parishioners, to Richard Sweyn and his heirs etc., of a house at a place called Westbroke, at the yearly rent of 2d. 1390 (4 Seals).

(19) An Inventory of the goods and chattels of John Johnson late of Hernehill in Kent, deceased. Made 15 July 1571. Total value £19 6s.

(20) Grant in frank almoigne, from Edmund son of Robert atte Halle of Herne, of 12d. rent payable yearly out of 3 rods of land called Josseppeslode, to maintain a light before the altar of the Blessed Mary in the chancel of Herne church. April 25 Edw. I. 1297.

(21) Fine levied at Westminster 2 Nov. 1421. John Pykerell and Thomas Hacche pay to William Childe of Herne and Joan his wife 100 silver marcs, for the recognition of their right in six acres of land in Herne.

(22) Grant from John Senex, hunte, to Nicholas and John sons of Richard Dun, and their heirs, of one acre of land adjoining the land called Pilicheres Hainme, with power to sell the same except to religious houses, and subject to a rent-charge of 12d. yearly. Witnesses:—Roger de Chelde, then Constable of the Hundred of Blengate, Richard de Hagh, Hugh de Hagh, Richard Dun, William son of Brice, Simon de Sunning, Henry Furmager, and Roger Clerk. Made and recorded in Herne Church 49th Henry son of John (1264).

LYMINGE.

The following Inventory of Church Goods is preserved in the Diocesan Registry at Canterbury.

Lyminge. December vi. Ed. vi. (1552).

George Clarke, Vycar, Stephen Hogben, and Stephen Sawder, Churchwardens, Thomas March and Thomas Beane, parishioners. Item a cuppe of tyn to mynster with

- .. a blew velvet vestment,
- .. a cope of blew velvet,
- .. a whyte damaske vestment,
- .. a whyte damaske cope,
- .. a red satyn vestment,
- .. a green vestment with ij tynacles,
- .. a branched vestment with ij tynacles,
- .. a white vestment of dornyx,
- .. an old cope v corpores casses,
- .. iiiij aulter clothes v towels,
- .. a herse cloth a coope of sylke,
- .. a canope for the pyx,
- .. ij greit latyn candlesticks,

vj lytle candlestykes of laten, a coper pyx a coper senser, a latyn senser, a crismatory of copper, a holy water stoppe of latyn, a crosse cloth of sylke, a surplice and ij rochets.

Item a coverlet and ij chestes,

- .. v belles in the steeple,
- .. a crosse of copper,
- .. ij handbelles and ij sacrying belles,
- .. a basin of latyn with the ewer,
- .. ij crewetes of pewter,
- .. a pillow with the cote.

LYMPNE.

In Register No. 1 the following notes occur:—

“In digging for materials (to mend the highways) on the left hand by the Beacon going down Limne Hill along the cliff, there was discovered the foundations of some very strong walls of a castle, or some other Fortification, but no remains of any building above ground have been seen, and as far as I can be informed, there has been no talk of any such building in any man's memory till this was discovered by labourers digging with mattocks about the year 1738. I was surprised to see such walls where there had been no talk about them.”

" One Mr. Wm. Merk was Vicar of Limpne in the year 1595, so I find him stiled in an old book of accounts belonging to the Parish. He repaired the Vicarage House, the two first letters of his name are cut on the mantle in the Parlour. I don't find whether he lived here or not. The next minister which I find mentioned is Mr. John Francis, I saw his hand in the old book of accounts Anno Domini 1612. He was Vicar and lived in the Vicarage house. This information I had from a grandson of his (whom I know very well) one John Francis, he lived hard by Padlesworth a Parish where my father Mr. Wm. Baynall was Rector. This Francis was removed from Limpne to the Rectory of Bishopsbourne cum Cysell de Barham, as the great grandson told me. The next I find named is Mr. Thomas Kingsmill in the year 1621. He subscribes himself Vicar in this Register. He lived at Hythe and was Curate there, I saw his name upon the Pewter Flaggon belonging to Hythe Church, but between Francis and Kingsmill it is probable there was some other minister here, because between them there is an hand in the Register different fr. either of theirs. Kingsmill was succeeded by Mr. Richard Jaggard Anno Domini 1631. Jaggard was Vicar here, we have his hand for it in the Registers, and it is more than probable that he lived in the Vicarage house, because he had a daughter baptized here. He continued here till the year 1644, what became of him then or who succeeded him is altogether in the dark for then the days of Rebellion and confusion were come. From the time that Jaggard ceases to subscribe himself Vicar, we have the name of no minister till the year 1670 or thereabouts, and there you will find in the Register the son of one Peter Bonney, Vicar, baptized. This Bonney lived in the Vicarage house, several of my neighbours have told me that they knew him very well. He had the Rectory of Hawkinge which he served the cure of as well as Limpne. In the year 1676 he died and was buried here.* Mr. George Gipps succeeded Bonny, he was Chaplain to Sir Norton Knatchbull at Hatch and had only the Sequestration of Limpne. He continued sequestrator of Limpne about 3 years and then was removed to Wye and had with it the Vicarage of Brenzett and the Perpetual Curacy of Fairfield in the Marsh. After Gipps one Mr. Arthur Harry, Chaplain at Hatch, served Limpne some four Sundays. After Harry, Mr. Maurice, Vicar of Sellinge was Sequestrator of Limpne till he died wh. was about the year 1680. Then Joshua Barton, Curate of Lydd, succeeded the said Mr. Maurice in the Sequestration of Limpne and Vicarage of Sellinge where Barton lived and died in the year 1702. Then Henry Bagnall (who was of All Souls College in Oxford), had the Sequestration from Mich 1702 and in the year 1704 he came with his family from the Curacy of Appledore to live here in the Vicarage house. He had the sinecure of Herst here upon the side of the hill from Lady Day 1704 and from Mich. 1708. he served the cure of Bonnington for Mr. Thomas Turner, Rector, salary £20 per annum, and at Mich. 1712, (Bonnington being supplied by Mr. Turner himself) he then served the cure of New Church for Mr. Weller, Rector, the Minister of Maidstone, salary £30 per annum. The said Henry Bagnall, that he might free his heirs and himself from giving an account of the profits of Limpne to the next Incumbent and for the more easy recovery of his Tithe thought it advisable to make himself Vicar, and on July 29th 1723 he was inducted into the Vicarage of Limpne after it had been held by sequestration about one hundred years. For at the Register's Office, Canterbury, he finds Kingsmill to be the last Vicar and all the Ministers from Kingsmill have been only Sequestrators till he took Institution.

*Peter Bonny was not Vicar but Sequestrator only.

Upon June 4th 1726 the said Henry Bagnall was inducted into the Rectory of Frittenden (a Living in his own gift) wh. became vacant by the death of his brother Mr. Thomas Bagnall (whom he presented and was in possession of it not a quarter of a year). Herst was quitted upon the said Henry Bagnall's having Institution to Frittenden, and Mr. Wm. Gurney succeeded him in the Rectory of Herst by favour of Sir John Shelley, Patron. At Michmas. 1730 the said Henry Bagnall (upon account of the great fatigue) quitted the Curacy of New Church, and undertook the cure of Burmarsh for Mr. Honeywood, Rector, salary £24 per annum. This Honeywood is Vicar of Petham and Waltham.—Memorandum. The Rectors of Eastbridge allow 40/- per annum to the Curates of Burmarsh for performing sacred offices to their Parishioners in Burmarsh Church, and for doing other occasional offices in the said parish of Eastbridge. I received all my time the said Salary of 40/- In Dec. 1736 I resigned the Rectory of Frittenden and presented my son Henry Bagnall, Rector of Shadoxhurst, to the same, and upon the death of Mr. Honeywood in Sept. 1737, Mr. Head, Vicar of Sellinge, had Burmarsh, and supplied it himself.

Claudius Clare L.L.B. was instituted and inducted into the Vicarage of Lympne 1750, and was likewise instituted and inducted into the Rectory of Dymchurch 1752. He resided at Hythe.

“ George Lynell A.M., Fellow of Corpus Xt. Coll. Cantab. was inducted into the Vicarage of Lympne 1765. He lived in the Vicarage House.”

No. II. Inscribed on Cover “ The Register Book of West Hythe, bought by Stephen Fenn, Church Warden A. Dni. 1736. Mr. John Sacket, Minister of Folkestone was then Vicar. The occasional Offices were then performed by Henry Bagnall, Vicar of Lymne at the ancient salary of forty Shillings per annum as for an hundred years past and more by the Ministers of Lymne.”

Entry inside cover “ West Hythe Register for Christenings or Baptisms and Burials. There being no Church, marriages are solemnized in the Church of Lymne.”

NACKINGTON.

Extracts from the Parish Registers.

1597. William Bois the sonne of Thomas, gentleman, the 26th of June baptised.
1599. Afre Hales the daughter of Maister William Hales buried the 20th of Maye.
1599. Thomas Hales ye son of William, gentleman, was baptised.
1601. Susanna Hales ye daughter of William, gentleman, was baptised.
1601. Thomas Bois ye sonne of Thomas, Gent, was buried.
1602. Afra Hales da. of William Hales, Gent, was baptised.
1629. William Hales ye elder, gent, buried ye 29 day of Sept.

1657. Thomas Osborne Esq., and Mrs. Frances Wylde were married July 30th.

1658. Mrs. Esther Godfrey ye onely childe of Sir Thomas Godfrey Kt., aged a yeare and three quarters was buried Jan. 3rd.

1688. Mr. Thomas Godfrey was buried in ye Chancell Sept. 6th.

1760. May 4th Joseph Lawrence was buried from the workhouse in the Almonry of St. Augustines Monastry hired for the poor of this parish.

1788. The Rev. Bernard Astley third son of Sir Edward Astley in ye County of Norfolk, Baronet, was buried in the family vault of the Milles in their chancell at Nackington, Dec. 8th.

SANDWICH, St. Mary.

The earliest volume of Churchwardens' Accounts is a folio paper-book, bound in white leather over stout oak boards. Fifteen pages have been inserted at the beginning, and on these are written (apparently by William Boys the historian of Sandwich) certain extracts from the Accounts; and "a Schedule of the evidences remaining in the parish Chest of St. Mary in Sandwich, 1775." On the first page of the original book there is a long and curious note stating that when the Frenchmen robbed the town of Sandwich in 1456 they "bare away amongst other goods a book of ye Chyrche of our Lady of the said town wherein was conteyned the Countes (*Accounts*) of the said Chyrche for XII yer passed or more." We also learn that Sir Thomas Norman, who had been Churchwarden for five years before the aforesaid disaster, had preserved copies of the Accounts during his years of office and these he copied into the present book, which he purchased in the year 1473. [See also Boy's History of Sandwich p. 359.]

In the year 1444 are several entries relating to repairs of the Church of St. Mary, for which purpose stone and timber was brought from the burial ground of St. James's Church. The following entries relating to a 'procession window' are of interest.

1444 "Payd the glazyer for ye takyng down and settynge up the procession wyndow,* and amendyng of other wyndows xxvis. xid."

"Item to the Smyth for ye makynge of 11 newe barrs therto and amendyng of all other barrs to that wyndow xvid."

"Item for naill and for lockeys for that wyndow iiid."

The following altars are mentioned in these Accounts, Jesus Altar, (4d. was paid to the suffragan (bishop) for hallowing the hangings of this altar in 1444); St. Christopher and St. James.

At the end of the Volume some leaves of smaller size than the rest have been inserted, on which are written the Accounts for the following years: 1526-1531, 1542, 1545, 1547-9, 1558 and 1582.

Deeds. An agreement between the Prior and Convent of Christ Church, Canterbury, and the Mayor and Commonalty of Sandwich concerning their respective rights. Dated 6 May, 10 Hen. V. (1422)

*Possibly *procession window* may be the name that was given to those mysterious openings which for want of a better have been called by antiquaries 'Low-side windows.'

Insperimus of Edward III. of Letters Patent of Edw. I. granting to the Cinque Ports freedom from tallages etc. 'in the foreign.' dated 5 Feb. 1 Edw. III. 1327.

A bundle of 21 Ancient deeds (none earlier than 15th cent.)—tabulated by Boys in his History of Sandwich.

Copy of the will of John Peryman of St. Peter's Canterbury, 1545.

Grant of William Draper of Sandwich to the Church of St. Mary in the same town, of a rent charge of 6s. 8d. to maintain a light before the rood. 1311.

A bundle of 12 ancient deeds relating to the churchyard of St. James.

Copy (modern) of the will of Thomas Norman, chantry priest. 1482.

Chantry Certificate relating to Cundy's Chantry, 1547.

Feoffement. Thos. Rollyng, Vicar of St. Mary's and the Churchwardens, to John at Koll, Chaplain of the Chantry in the aforesaid Church, of certain tenements in Sandwich 1405. (3 seals).

A letter from the Duke of Buckingham to the Churchwardens of St. Mary's. The Duke, who has been appointed arbitrator in a dispute (certen variaunces) between the said Wardens and Gilbert Jakeman, writes that he has not leisure to attend to the matter, and nominates John Bedford and John Drury and to hear the case with "two in-different men" to be chosen by the said Wardens.

[Boys p. 379 mentions a bond given by the wardens of St. Mary's to stand to the award of the Archbishop of Canterbury, and Humphrey, Duke of Buckingham in a cause between the said Wardens and one Jacomyn, dated 27 Dec. 1448.]

In the Vestry is a framed and glazed fragment of an ancient Bederoll—headed: "Thys ys the speycall copy of the bederoll rehersyng the good doarys (? doweries) of our lady Chyrche wyth yn the town of Sandwyche, and in speycall of them that have been grete helparys, and relevverys thereto, as hyt aperyth here yn rehersyng as followyth."

STODMARSH.

Extracts from the Parish Registers.

- 1573. Pendennes the da of Will Rie, baptized.
- 1589. Joane da of Peter Masters, Gent., Bapd. 14 Dec.
- 1584. Mildred da of William Courthrop, Gent, Bapd. 25 Aug.
- 1609. William Cleve the sonne of Sir Christopher Cleve, Knight was baptized the 23rd day of July.

1612. Petrus filius Rogeri Manwood generosi baptizat' vicesimo tercio die Augusti.

1612. Edmundus filius Thome Ramsey, generosi, baptizat' at fuit nono die Octob.

1622. Mildred da of Mr. Thomas Courthope bapd. ye 8 of december.

1623. David son of , , 23 Oct.

1625. John son of , , March 12.

1628. Margaret da of , , 7th December.

1630. Thomas son of , , Oct. ye 26th.

1647. Prudence da of , , 24th June.

1651. Thomas son of William and Ann Courthop bapd. Nov. 26.

1654. Harflete , , , May 3rd.

1655. Nisell ye da of , , , Jan. 22.

1657. Mildred , , , Sept. 1.

1664. Ellenor da of Willyam and Elizabeth Courthope May 12.

1666. Elizabeth , , , 25 April.

1666. John ye son of Francis and Margaret Courthope May 16.

1667. Peter ye son of Will and Elizabeth Courthope June 11.

1671. Michael , , , Nov. 24th.

1672. Aphra ye da of , , Feb. 11.

1673. Edward son of Francis and Margaret Courthope June 24.

1673. Edward son of Will and Elizabeth Courthope April 24.

1675. Damaris da of , , , July 7.

1676. Edward son of , , , Aug. 10.

Marriages. 1566. Thomas Master, Gent, and Jane Foche married together the viii Decr.

1611. Nupt' inter Willm Maister generosum et Katherinam Manwood virginem quarto die februarie.

1677. Thomas Belke D.D., and Ann Oxinden virgin of Deane were marryed July 24.

1691. Robert Sprackling of ye parish of Chilham and Elizabeth Courthop of this parish were married, May ye 23.

Burials.

1560. Harry Jobson curate of Stodmarsh 26 April.

1566. Thomas Masters, Gent, householder buried xix Feb.

1575. "A dogge daie. Thomas Holle, servant, by casualtie in leaping over one of our marsh dikes was drowned, and was buried the 29 of Julie. On the same daie was also drowned a servant of Austin the Brewer at Whitstable market by sleeping on the Well side in his drunkenes. Item, the same daie a woman had her thumb and one of her fingers strooken of by casualtie. Item, the same daie Johnson of Foorde parke had a man almost slaine with his cart so that he laie for dead the space of a two houre."

158^o₁. Mr. John Masters, Gent., buried 19 Feb.

1637. William Courthop, Gent., was buried 15th day of Jan.

1670. Thomas Courthop Esq. was buried July 30.
 1716. Mr. Francis Courthop buried Dec. 18.
 1728. March 28 William Courthope Esq. buried.
 1742. Jan. 1 Mrs. Ayme Courthop aged 90 years, buried.
 1725. William son of Mr. John Hugeson and Anye his wife buried Oct. 18.
 1728. John son of Mr. John Hugeson and Anye his wife buried Aug. 10.

**EXTRACTS FROM PARISH REGISTERS IN THE CHAPTER
LIBRARY AT CANTERBURY.**

There is an 8vo. M.S. Book in the Cathedral Library [Press Mark Z.v.6.] containing extracts from the Registers of many of the parishes within the deaneries of Ospringe and Sittingbourne; and much other interesting matter. The Book was bequeathed to the Dean and Chapter by Edward Scudamore, M.D., who acquired it in 1828 from W. Blackley—a Canterbury bookseller. The notes were made, apparently, towards the end of the 18th Century, but there is nothing to show by whom they were compiled.

The following is a brief synopsis of the contents of this volume:—

Ospringe Deanery.

Doddington. Extracts relating chiefly to the families of Adye, Browne and Delaune. An Inventory of Church Goods taken in 1751. Memoranda relating to the rebuilding of the Vicarage house by Vicar Somerscales in 1731; and the Library of books in the Vicarage house, *e.g.*, "when the present vicar Mr. Ratcliffe, came to this living he considered this library his own, but was at length assured that it belongeth to the parish at large."

Eastling. Extracts from the Registers. Copies of Monumental inscriptions.

Linstead. Extracts from the Marriage Registers 1657—1749, Baptisms 1655—1812, Burials 1654, relating chiefly to the families of Eve, Greenstreet, Hugesson, and Roper.

Luddenham. Extracts from the Registers. Copies of monumental inscriptions. Notes on the Church.

Norton. Extracts relating chiefly to the families of Bunce, Greenstreet, Hugesson, and Tassell. Also inscriptions on gravestones in the Churchyard.

Ospringe. Extracts from the Registers, and notes on the Church, including one concerning the fall of the steeple.

Otterden. Extracts and notes relating to the families of Bunce, Curteis, and Wheler.

Stalisfield. Extracts 1699-1800. Also an account of a visit by the Archdeacon, 20th May 1807, when the said official advised the pulling down of the south chancel.

Teynham. Extracts relating chiefly to the families of Cobbe, Lake, Roper, and Tassell. Analysis of the Baptisms and Burials 1610-1790, showing that in these years the latter were more numerous than the former. Monumental inscriptions. A note about a ruined chapel "On the way to Conyers N.W. of the Church."

Sittingbourne Deanery.

Bapchild. Extracts relating chiefly to the families of Bix, Tonge, Valance, Woolgate and Newland. Notes on the Church. Inventory of Church Goods 1718. Bounds of the parish.

Harty. Inscriptions on gravestones, and notes on the Church, including one on the carved oak chest.

Kingsdown. Extracts and notes relating to the families of Weldishe and Finch. Inventory of Church Goods 1759. Notes from Churchwardens' Book 1707. Bounds of the parish.

Milsted. Extracts and notes relating chiefly to the families of Filmer, Finch, and Tonge. List of Briefs 1687-1740. Parish Bounds.

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Murston. Notes on the Registers.

Rodmersham. Extracts and notes relating, chiefly, to the families of Partridge, Pordage, and Melles; Also notes on the Churchwardens' Accounts.

Wormshill. Extracts from the Registers relating, chiefly, to the families Brenchley, Hatch, Tylden, and Nightingale.

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